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SELF ON HEALTH WEEKEND

Revenge was motive for pub attack

Ulster killing will go on, say gunmen

By AUDREY MAGEE AND MARTIN FLETCHER

THE breakaway Loyalist Volunteer Force last night claimed responsibility for the New Year's Eve machinegun attack on a Catholic pub in North Belfast and warned: "This is not the end."

The LVF said the attack, which killed one man and left five others injured, was further revenge for the murder of Billy Wright, its leader, by the Irish National Liberation Army in the Maze prison last Saturday. Within hours of that murder it had shot dead a former republican prisoner at a hotel in Dungannon, Co

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Tyrone.
The LVF, which rejects the ceasefire, said the attack was carried out by an active service unit of its "West Belfast brigade" in retaliation for the death of a "true loyalist".

Perversely, the LVFs state-ment offered some hope for Northern Ireland's peace process as it helped to quell growing fears that Wednesday night's attack was the work of one of the big loyalist paramil-itary organisations which are signed up to the Stormont peace talks. That would have wrecked both the ceasefire and the talks.

Northern Ireland remained extremely tense, however, and Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, said the tensions following the province's third terrorist killing in five days meant there was a 'real risk" of the main terrorist organisations being sucked back into conflict.

Neither Mr Flanagan, nor

member of the loyalist Progressive Unionist Party, would rule out the possibility that the LVF had received help from one of the main paramilitary organisations represented at the talks.

Politicians from across the spectrum expressed dismay and despair at the biatantity sectarian attack. Robin Eames, Primate of the Protestant Church of Ireland, warned that the province was "at the beginning of a very dark and dangerous period". Mr Flutchinson said he did not believe the LVF had

enough support in that area of North Beliast to have carried out the attack by itself. "If it was one of the mainstream organisations, then the ailing process that we have at the moment will be completely collapsed," he said, "There's no way the peace process can take a marder which would

came from any of the organ-isations represented at the The gunmen's white Vauxiall Senator car was stolen at gunpoint from near the Shankill Road and later abandoned in the same area. That is a UDA and UVF stronghold where the LVF, based in mid-Ulster, has little or no presence. Both the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force have been bitterly criticising the talks process, which they con-

sider biased towards republicans. Gerry Kelly, a member of Sinn Fein's Stormont negotiating team, said the "abominable and appailing attack" on

innocent Catholics had "shat-

tered" the peace process. John Hume, leader of the national-ist Social Democratic and Labour Party, called the attack an "appalling attempt at mass murder" and said those determined to destroy the peace process must not be allowed to

Two masked armed with a machinegum and a handgun attacked the Clifton Tavern, crowded with revellers preparing to see in the New Year, Edmund Treamor, 31, died of head injuries just before midnight and one of the five injured remained in serious condition in hospital last night.

. The daughter of one of the victims of the pub shooting yesterday told of how her brother, trained in first aid, went to assistance of the victims only to discover their father wounded on the pub

"I'm went down to help when he heard the shooting." said Maria Murphy. "He was helping somebody at the front of the pub when a policeman asked him to go inside to help another man. He went in and saw it was daddy."

Timothy Murphy, 56, was shot in the arm and stomach. He underwent 90 minutes of surgery on Wednesday night to remove a section of his colon. He was a regular at the pub, unlike Mr Treanor, who went to be with his girlfriend who lives in the area.

"He was just an ordinary young man going out for a quiet drink," she said. "He was not political or anything."

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Michael Kennedy: crashed into tree while playing touch football with his family

Kennedys mourn again as Bobby's son is killed

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE Kennedy family are mourning another loss after the son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy died in a skiing accident in Colorado.

MichaeL LeMoyne Kennedy, 39, died on New Year's Eve after crashing into a tree while skiing with his family in

Aspen.
Mr Kennedy was playing a ski version of "touch football" at the time of the accident. According to witnesses, he careered head-first into a birch tree while receiving a pass

thrown to him. Couri Hay, a New Yorker who was skiing near by, said: "Michael went out for a pass, caught the ball and rammed face first into a tree."

Mr Kennedy was among a group of 15 people, including his children Michael Jr, 14. Kyle, 13, and Rory, 10, who were making a last run down the Copper Bowl slope on Aspen Mountain at 4pm. His older brother, Robert Jr., younger brother, Maxwell, and younger sister, Rory, were also there, and it was with them that he was playing the game, using a snow-packed water bottle as a ball.

According to the Aspen Ski but the trail was covered in evening shadows. Minutes before his fatal smash, Mr Kennedy had crashed through a plastic "slow" sign, which he had failed to pick out in the poor

Mr Kennedy, an expert skier, suffered massive head injuries. As his children panicked, screaming: "My father. it's my father!", his sister rushed to him and tried to give him mouth-to-mouth resus-

Ms Hay said: "Rory beat his chest. She said 'One, two,

three, four then gave him another breath, mouth-tomouth. Rory was spitting out blod on the snow. Her face was covered with blood." At this point, the family members fell to their knees in the snow

and began to pray.

According to Ms Hay's account, Rory, 29, then said: "Michael, we know you can hear us. Stay with us. Help is coming. We're here. You're going to be all right." Then she cried out loud: "He's not breathing! He's not breathing! There's no pulse."

The ski patrol, which had been summoned by Robert Jr seconds after his brother's accident, arrived about three minutes later. The eight para-medics used an artificial respirator before wrapping Mr Kennedy in a blanket.

As the patrol members prepared to take him away, Rory drew his children to her and said: "Let's pray for daddy."

Mr Kennedy was then taken to the base of the mountain and then by ambulance to the Aspen Valley Hospital. He

died at 5.50pm.
Ginny Dyche, a hospital official, said that doctors in the accident and emergency deforts" to revive Mr Kennedy. His mother, Ethel, and other members of the family, were at his bedside when he died. Aspen's Roman Catholic priest, Father Lawrence Solan, spoke of how he arrived at the Aspen Valley Hospital to give

Mr Kennedy the last rites. Bobby, Max and Ethel were there with a number of children. It was a terrible, tragic scene; there were a lot of tears and a deep sadness. I counselled them as their priest. I have been in this parish seven years and I know Continued on page 3, col I

Balloon lift-off for millionaire

An American millionaire has begun his third attempt to become the first person to fly non-stop around the world in a hot-air balloon.

Steve Fossett lifted off from the Busch Stadium in St Louis, Missouri. He is hoping to reach Portugal Page 13

Betting takeover

Coral, the betting shops business founded by Joe Coral in 1926, may disappear from the high street after Ladbroke Group confirmed that it is to buy the chain from Bass for £375.5 million Page 40

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Foreign Office used MI6 | Beat fees by starting to spy on Euro-partners

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

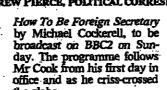
BRITAIN'S relations with the European Union may deteriorate further with the disclo-sure this weekend that successive Foreign Secretaries have used MI6 to spy on our European parmers. Confirmation of the widely

held suspicion that Britain's intelligence network has been eavesdropping on Brussels, Paris and Bonn, comes only days after Tony Blair took over the presidency of the EU. Lord Owen, the last Labour Foreign Secretary, has admit-ted that M16 had provided-intelligence material before key negotiations in Europe. He is not alone. Lord Hurd of Westwell, Foreign Secretary under Margaret Thatcher and

bent, pointedly refused to deny They are all interviewed in a 60 minute documentary

John Major, also admitted as

much. Robin Cook, the incum-



But it was the potentially explosive revelations about the



Lord Owen: regret over spying on EU partners

role of MI6, the secret intelligence service which sends spies around the world under the cloak of diplomatic cover. which will cause the most reverberations. GCHQ, the

worldwide eavesdropping net-work in Cheltenham which listens in on Britain's enemies, has a role closer to home.

Lord Hurd, Foreign Secre-tary from 1989 to 1995, said: "Intelligence reports on some occasions are valuable and on some occasions crucial. They supply some missing pieces in the jigsaw of other people's intentions which you want to know." But it was not clear until yesterday that successive Foreign Secretaries have gone to meetings in Europe armed with secret data about their parmers' negotiating stance. Lord Owen, asked if he had

made use of Mi6 when he was Foreign Secretary, said: "A

early, students told

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

NEW universities are trying to stave off a shortfall of admissions next autumn by tempting students to enrol this month and next to beat the introduction of £1,000 tuition

They have acted after early signs that the 6 per cent fall in applications for courses next year will hit former polytechnics harder than traditional universities.

De Montfort University in Leicester, one of the largest new universities has launched an advertising campaign to recruit students on a range of courses using the slogan: "Start in February and avoid

The University of Central England in Birmingham has already said it would waive the fees for all students starting engineering courses next autumn. But, aware that the loss of the grant could doubly Continued on page 2 col 5 deter students, it has also stepped up its recruitment campaign by offering degree programmes in January.

De Montfort will take students on humanities, agriculture, applied science, computing, business, applied arts and engineeering courses. They will have to join the second semester of courses which started in October and catch up on any vital material

in their spare time. But Marianne Harris-Bridge, director of marketing at De Montfort, said dozens of potential students had shown interest. She guaranteed that students would not have to pay the £1,000 means-tested fee which will be charged for

new students in October. David Warner, pro vicechancellor of the University of Central England, said he was hoping to recruit up to 50 students this January. The courses available were in the

Oil tanker is swept on to rocks in storms

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

were last night forced to postpone until today efforts to reach 29 crew stranded on a 22,637-ton oil tanker, which coastguards said was hard aground on Thatcher Rock, near Torquay, in atrocious

Three hours after hitting the rock, in winds of over 70mph, the Santa Anna was said to be learning starboard side up. The vessel was holed and lost power after its propellers hit the rock. Engineers were put on

board to pump 250 tons of fuel oil from ruptured tanks to MARINE rescue services more secure tanks to prevent a serious spillage. One rescue vessel secured the bow to hold her when the tide fell. Mark Clark, a Coastguard

spokesman, said; There is little more we can do until morning after the tugs have arrived but we are keeping a close watch." Coastguard teams from Brixham and Berry Head

people gathered on the shore

blew off a Coastguard rescue trailer in the high winds and knocked him unconscious. The emergency came as winds gusting up to 76 mph hit the South West and west coast of Scotland, with more than an inch of rain on the

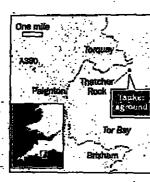
Cornish moors. The weather was easing overnight as the band swept eastwards, but a warning of renewed storms was issued. In the Atlantic a listing went to the shore line to provide lighting and assistance. But as hundreds of cargo ship was battling

through storms to be escorted

guards said. The tug Anglian Prince is heading from the was injured when a metal top Western Approaches for a rendezvous with the 13,000 ton Oak, currently around 340 miles west of Fastnet.

The Bahamian registered Oak en route for Liverpool from Canada in deteriorating weather, was buttling 60mph winds and "very rough seas", said Falmouth coastguards, A Royal Navy Duke Class type 23 frigate HMS Norfolk was standing by in Plymouth,

The alert began when the by a salvage tog on the final vessel developed a 40 degree to watch the drama, one man stages of her voyage, coastlist 800 miles out, but that was



grees after the crew jettisoned cargo. Coastguards said some Continued on page 2, col 4

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Rising tide of violence forces Ulster leaders to sink or swim

has pushed the Northern Ireland peace process perilously close to a poisonous disintegration. There is only one possible antidote - the rapid acceleration of the multiparty talks process to the point where the broad lines of a settlement tolerable to majorities in both communities is visible.

That work has to be completed by February; the formal talks deadline of May has been overtaken by a new deadline imposed by the brutality on the streets.

At the heart of the current crisis is the growing alienation of the tant community, exacerbated in some quarters by widespread conspiracy theories about the murder of Billy Wright in the Maze prison. The British and



Every effort must be made on all sides to ensure the continuation of the peace talks on January 12. And this time the process must be made to work, argues Paul Bew

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ing to offer the Provos an honourable way out of the conflict - not substantive victory — but most Unionists instinctively fear that every concession along this route is a down-payment on Irish unity.

There is a bitter irony here both Governments, precisely because they are so wedded to the principle of consent - which is the decisive protection of the interests of the Unionist community — tend not to have sufficient empathy

with the fearfulness and uncertainty in that community generaled by 28 years of the Trot

the peace process as a miserable and unrewarding experience. In fact, some progress has been concern to Unionists such as the Council of the British Isles concept and the removal of the Irish territorial claim. But, at this moment, David Trimble, the Ul-

ster Unionist leader, should be given all the technical assistance necessary to allow him to formulate a realistic cross-border programme of co-operation that would, in turn, allow the SDLP and the Irish Government to sanction a Northern assembly. This is the key to any possible

substantive breakthrough. In early December, the Irish Government gave the distinct impression that it wanted to delay the moment of decision — on such matters as the Northern Ireland assembly — to protect Gerry Adams's leadership of Sinn Fein. understandable fears about the balance of forces within republicanism, are now redundant; those republicans opposed to a nonviolent strategy are now being

handed opportunities by Loyalist 1993; a similarly intensive effort terrorists.

Anyway, at some moment the

republican leadership has to choose whether or not to oppose by violence a settlement that will inevitably be based on the principle of consent. So rapid is the deterioration on the ground rignalled by a remark yesterday of Gerry Kelly, a senior Sinn Fein negotiator, that the peace process was "shattered" - that there is

nothing to be gamed by delaying any further that moment. It is only when both communi ties can see that their core interests will be protected that stability will be achieved. The production of such an agreement is indeed a tall order. But it was done in broad theoretical outline with the Downing Street Declaration of involving this time the leadership of the principle local parties — is .

For many of the older politicians at these talks, this is the last opportunity to bequeath the legacy of a society which can live without fear of random politicalviolence. But to do that, those politicians will have to take risks they have never taken before. Both John Hume and Mr Trimble can surely by now see in

their minds eyes an acceptable compromise, though they may have their doubts how to sell it to their supporters. Unionists have a tendency to be far too pessionistic about their political future. Mr Trimble may gamble that such a pessimism will turn to relief if a decent package is unveiled.

er hand, as John Britton, the former Irish Prime Minister, has authoritatively pointed out, have exaggeratedly optimistic expecta-tions, and it will require all Mr Hume's undoubted ability to point up the decided advantages of the settlement for them. Great difficulties lie ahead — but the alternative is passively to accept the dictates of sectarian killers.

The worrying feature of the new outbreak of sectarian violence is that it may inspire a sense of defeat and despair among some of those politicians who are central to any hope of success in this

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Labour rebels in Euro switch are urged to quit

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent

TWO rebel Labour MEPs making a tactical switch to the Green Group in the European Parliament. The Labour leadership yesterday released de-tails of the move by Ken Coates and Hugh Kerr — which stops just short of a full defection - in an attempt to force them to leave the party

A senior Labour source called on the rebels to "do the honourable thing" and quit, adding: "Frankly, we will be glad to see the back of them. They have consigned themthe political

Mr Coates, the MEP for Nottingham North and Chesterfield, and Mr Kerr, the MEP for West Essex and East Hertfordshire, insisted vesterday that they had not defected from the Labour Party and that they would still take the whip of the European Parliament Socialist Group.

The rebels said they had accepted "honorary membership" of the Greens so that funds allocated by the Parliament vesterday could be held by the Greens until their

dispute with Labour had been resolved. At the beginning of every year the Parliament funds the running costs of political groupings according to the number of MEPs in each group. The rebels said that it would be wrong for the Socialist Group to receive money on their behalf when they could be expelled by Labour within weeks.

Mr Coates and Mr Kerr have been involved in a bitter confrontation with the Labour leadership over Tony Blair's plans to reform the welfare state. In the autumn they were threatened with suspension from the Labour group in Strasbourg for refusing to accept a new code of conduct.

Mr Coates said yesterday: "Our future isn't exactly certain so we had to inform the President of the Parliament that we didn't know which group we would be in all year. We could have sat as Independent Labour in the Socialist Group but no one knew if the group could have us on that basis. I want to stay in the Socialist Group for ever and ever. It's a question of whether they will have me." The



Ken Coates, left, and Hugh Kerr: "honorary" Greens

Labour leadership believes that the two rebels are using the funding issue to try to force the party to expel them. The leadership is loath to "make martyrs" of the rebels and is hoping that party anger at their disloyalty will force them

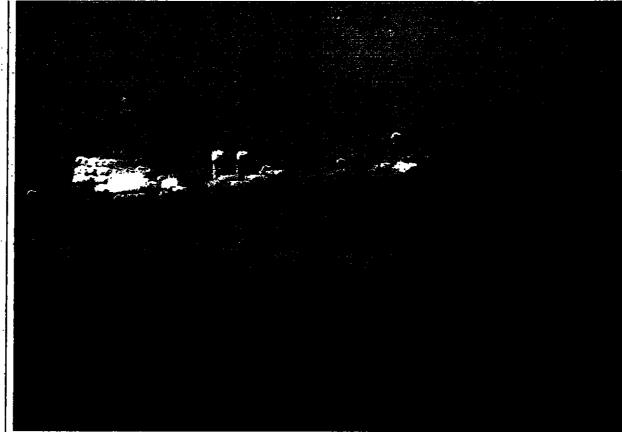
Pauline Green, the MEP for London North and leader of the Socialist Group in Strasbourg, released a letter she received from José Maria Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, President of the European Parliament, which made clear that they had left the group. The presi-dent wrote: "Mr Coates and Mr Kerr have informed me they are leaving the group of the Party of European Socialists and joining the Green Group with immediate effect."

. Ms Green dismissed the rebels' claims that they had joined the Greens as honorary members: She said: "There is no such thing as an honorary membership of a group in the European Parliament.

Wayne David, -MEP for

South Wales Central and the Labour leader in Strasbourg. said their "inevitable" departure was good for all concerned and he predicted that they would be "soundly rejected" if they stood in elections on

· Labour leftwingers at Westminster also condemned the two rebels. David Winnick, MP for Walsall North, who was one of 47 Labour MPs to vote against cuts to loneparents benefit last month, called on Mr Coates to leave the party quickly or be expelled. Mr Winnick said Mr Coates had discredited the campaign to defend welfare benefits by threatening to stand as an independent.



Driven aground: the Santa Anna pictured as light failed last night; and below the damaged vessel Oak

Failing light halts rescue of tanker crew

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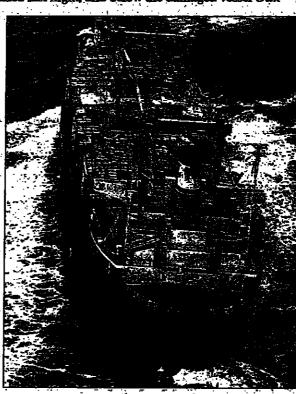
have ever seen," said Flight Lieutenant Allan Squires, who flew the RAF Kinloss based aircraft out to the

During the five-and-a-half hours he was over the Oak, Fit Lt Squires told how he saw

Speaking from Shannon, southern Ireland, he said the deck to belp correct the list. 200 homes — mainly on

electricity for two hours yesterday after high winds sent trees crashing on to power lines. The Old Severn Crossing linking England and Wales was closed from early evening in 45mph gales. The QE2 bridge at the Dartford River crossing in Kent was

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MI6 spying on EU states

By Nicholas Wood

Middle-aged 'need welfare-to-work'

MINISTERS are being urged to revamp the £3.5 billion welfare-to-work programme to concentrate assistance on the middle-aged and older people unable to The programme was conceived as a

lifeline for those aged 18 to 24 who had been out of work for more than six months. But a sharp fall in their numbers has prompted senior Tories to urge Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to reconsider the scheme

The target audience among the young obless has plummeted from 370,000 in April 1994 to 122,100 today. But unemployment among people aged 35-59 without a job for a year or more has fallen far less slowly. In October, there were 359,000 people in this category, down from 518,000 in April 1994.

David Willetts, the Shadow Employ-

ment Minister, is writing to Mr Brown to urge him to revise the programme, which offers young people a choice of a subsidised job with an employer, work in the voluntary sector or on an environmental taskforce. Or a year's full-time education.

Mr Willetts said that, of the £3.5 billion allocated to welfare-to-work in the Budget, £3.15 billion was reserved for the 18-24 age group. Only £350 million would be spent helping over 25s who had been out of work for at least two years.

He said: "When Labour announced programme in Opposition, there were 250,000 young people who had been unemployed for more than six months. Tory policies more than halved that figure and the latest figures show that there are 120,000 young people unemployed for more than six months. It is irresponsible

to be spending so much of the £3.5 billion welfare to-work programme on a prob-lem that is, thank beavens, shrinking fast. "I also understand that the Treasury is telling the Department for Education and Employment that most money has to be spent on the young unemployed. So we will be in the absurd position of spending billions of pounds on a problem which is disappearing like the snow in spring."

Welfare to work is launched on Mon-day in 12 "pathfinder areas", initially covering 26,000 jobless people aged 18-24. They will enter a so-called gateway programme of four months' assisted job search and help with skills. Those who fail to get a job will join the scheme, which will guarantee them a job for at least six months.

Found: a job, page 9 | Asked whether he had spied

bit." He admitted he was

uncomfortable about it. "I actually had a difference of opinion on this, I think you have to be very careful once you join the EU. These are friends and allies." Asked if he disagreed with the policy of spying on EU partners, Lord Owen replied: "Yes I did,"

It was not clear from the programme whether other EU countries spied on Britain. Lord Renwick, former British Ambassador to Washington, recalled countless meetings in Paris with his French counter parts. "I cannot believe that they have spied on me in any circumstances. They wouldn't do that, would they?" he said.

on them, he laughed and said That is a separate question. You will have to ask whoever."

Lord Hurd, who had extolled the importance of security service despatches from around the globe, was reticent when asked about their usefulness in Europe. "No, I don't want to talk about that," he

Mr Cook, the first Labour Foreign Secretary for almost 20 years, was also asked whether he had sanctioned spying on his EU counterparts. He said: "I am sorry I cannot talk about that ... it is secret information. We never discuss that."

The programme features six former Foreign Secretaries including Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, Lord Carrington, who resigned after the invasion of the Falklands, Lord Howe of Aberavon, and Sir Malcolm Rifkind, the last Tory Foreign

Secretary. Mr Cook and his predeces sors reveal the demands of one of the most glamorous posts in government. This would be a eat job, if it weren't for the bloody foreigners," one predecessor complains.

MrCockerell, a noted docu-

mentary maker, said he was told by a senior official: "Of course we spied on them. It is as vital to know what our European partners are doing as any Soviet battle plan. The Foreign Office refused to comment on the controversy last night 🗀

Decision soon for minister's ε son in drug case

BY DANIEL McGrory

THE Cabinet minister's son who is accused of selling cannabis will find out next week if he is to be charged, senior police sources said

Under bail conditions, the 17-year-old is due to return to a police station near his home in South Landon, by which time detectives will almost certainly

have made a decision. Pressure is still growing on the minister from the media 🗘 and some of his parliamentary colleagues to reveal his identi-ty before then, but he has made it clear he will wait for

the legal process. The minister has admitted to several newspapers that he is "frustrated" at having to maintain his anonymity, and says his son is "suffering more than other kids would have in the same circumstances because of who I am. We are very close and I want to protect him. But I want to do

the right thing as well." The minister is understood to be preparing a statement to be issued as soon as the legal constraints on identifying his son are lifted. He is likely to set out the circumstances of the alleged offence, how he felt as a father, and to explain that he acted in respect of his own child in the same way in which he would expect other parents

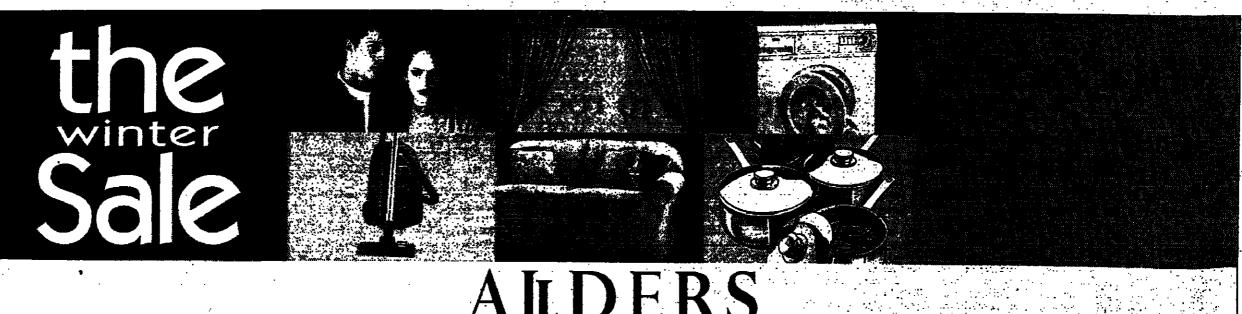
to behave. He is understood to believe that nothing he has done in private runs counter to any thing he has said in public. He has been reassured by the Prime Minister that his job is

The minister is also under stood to be annoyed at the suggestion that he had anything to do either with the arrest of the Mirror reporter, Dawn Alford, who persuaded his son to sell her £10 of cannabis, or with the injunction laid on News Group by the Attorney-General on Tuesday, preventing the teenager from being named.

He has let it be known that both the police and the Attorney-General acted independently of him and that his office was not informed about their plans.

The police file on the teenager is now with the Crown Prosecution Service, whose lawyers are expected to make a swift decision on Monday about what to do with the teenager, who is alleged to have sold drugs to the undercover reporter outside a South London pub.

Police are believed to have recommended that no prosecution should be brought, but have yet to decide whether he should be cautioned, which depends upon whether the



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Or swin The love of danger lies behind Kennedy curse

IN WASHINGTON

ONCE more there will be women in black and elegies for a life taken too soon. The Kennedy "curse" has struck again. A tendency to live dangerously has left America's foremost political dynasty ravaged by sexual impropriety, drugs, alcoholism and

Michael Kennedy, who died while skiing in Aspen on New Year's Eve, lost his father, Robert, in 1968. He was amid a throng of well-wishers in a hotel kitchen in Los Angele after winning a presidential primary. Ignoring warnings, he had campaigned by plunging into crowds and walking unprotected in parades, despite the shooting of his brother John, the President, in an open car in Dallas only five years before.

Their younger brother Edward, already a senator, was considered next in line to try for the highest office, but his White House hopes collapsed in 1969 when he drove his car off a rickety bridge after a late-night party on Chappaquiddick Island in Massachusetts. He swam to safety but his passenger. Mary Jo Kopechne, an aide,

In the next generation, David, another of Robert Kennedy's 11 children, died of a drug overdose in 1984 in an hotel after being banished from the family compound in Palm Beach, Florida.



Victims: top, John F. Kennedy and brother Joe Jur; below, Robert Kennedy and his son David



the driver in a 1973 car accident that left a teenage girl passenger paralysed for life. He is now a congressman from Boston, city of the Kennedys' Irish-American roots. Despite hard work for constituents, especially the poor, he has been hobbled by scandal. After his marriage was annulled, his former wife. Sheila. published a book criticising



tices and said Joseph had bullied her, dooming his hopes of the Massachusetts governorship.

Last August saw a rare falling out among the family. John Kennedy Jr, the fallen President's son, berated his cousins Joseph and the late Michael as "poster boys for bad behaviour" in his political magazine George. The attack on Michael was provoked by

he had a long affair with his children's baby-sitter, beginning when she was 14. Prosecutors did not press charges of statutory rape because the teenager refused to co-operate. Michael apologised and underwent treatment for heavy drinking. He parted from his wife, but they were recognited.

If the case had gone to trial, it would have been another media circus along the lines of the date rape trial and acquittal six years ago of William Kennedy Smith, a nephew of Senator Kennedy, again in Paim Beach.

It is part of the Kennedy misfortune that scandals stay in the memory while their good works are overlooked. Michael devoted 12 years to a non-profit company supplying heating fuel to the poor.

The grandee of the Kennedy clan was the late President's father, Joseph P. Kennedy, whose labyrinthine business dealings included selling spirits during Prohibition, according to biographers. An arrogant man of prodigious energy, he had a long affair with the film star Gloria Swanson while remaining married to his wife, Rose.

Tragedy first struck during his lifetime. He had envisage the presidency for his oldest son, Joe Jr, but he was killed in an aircraft crash in the Second World War. His dapghter aircraft accident. His daughter Rosemary has spent years in an institution after a failed lobotomy in 1941.



Robert Alan with Sister Rukmin Danapalan in hospital yesterday

Appeal to mother of dumped baby boy

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

POLICE have appealed to the mother of a newborn baby abandoned in the street on New Year's Eve to come forward. The two-day-old boy, named Robert Alan after the two ambulancemen who picked him up, was found by a passer-by who heard him crying as he lay on the pavement behind garages in Leyton, East London.

The 71b lloz boy was wrapped in a shawl and still had a plastic yellow umbilical clip attached.

Yesterday, Detective In-spector Phil Jones, from Leyton police, said they had checked all hospitals in the area but had been unable to trace the baby's birthplace. He said he was hoping that staff would remember delivering the child. "The clip is one which hospital staff say is only available to midwives or other medical staff."

The boy, who is of mixed race, is being cared for at Whipps Cross Hospital, East London.lan Macintosh, a registrar, said: "He was in good condition and was relatively warm when found, and had probably been out in the cold for only half an hour." Mr Jones said: "This is a beautiful haby boy who needs his mum. Let us make this a happy new year for both mother and child by reuniting them."

Troubled political family in mourning once again

Continued from page I the family well. I annointed Michael and gave Commu-nion to the entire family, over 15 of them, in the hospital. It was a beautiful witness of their faith. It was so hurting, death upon death is so sad.

Later on Wednesday evening, the Kennedy family issued a statement, which said: Michael Kennedy was a spe- Mr. Kennedy was for long brother, cousin, and friend. and his family would appreciate your prayers during this tragic time. The Kennedy family also requests that the public and the press respect their privacy during this difficuit moment'

ed a new year celebration to

press his condolences.
Joseph Kennedy, Mr Kennedy's brother, also issued a statement: "Michael's death is a terrible tragedy for his children, his wife, Vicki, and against Mr Kennedy.

the entire family. We will miss The sixth of II children born to Robert and Ethel Kennedy. Kennedy eventually acknowl-

talented members of his gen-eration in America's first family". More recently, however, he came to be regarded as the most controversial. A quiet, unassuming man by Kennedy standards, he fell spectacularly from grace-last spring when The Boston

President Clinton interrupt-

call the Kennedy family to ex- an affair with the family's underage babysitter. Although sex with a person under 16 constitutes statutory rane, no charges were brought

> However, his wife Victoria, to whom he had been married for 16 years, did leave him. After initial denials, Mr

edged the relationship with insisted that it did not begin until she was older than 16. Yet the fallout from the scandal was so bad that it also soured the political career of his brother, Joseph, then hoping to secure the Democratic Party's nomination for the Massachusetts gubernatorial

Globe alleged that he had had **Sparkling** new year

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE first disbursements from the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund are to be made within weeks after growing criticism that the charity is taking too long to spend the £35 million it has collected so far.

Princess fund to

begin payments

Charities at home and abroad associated with Aids. the homeless and children are believed to be among the first beneficiaries. The fund is expected to make another E10 million over the Christmas period through sales of records, videos and other merchandise It is expected to exceed £100 million by the end

of this year.

A senior figure in the fund said that trustees felt the time was right to start distributing the money. "We have been attacked for sitting on the money but we needed to get it right, to reflect what Diana would have wanted. We want to get the money doing some good. The fund has held several private meetings with leaders of the charities with which the Princess was closely associated - the "Kensington Six" to decide how best to distribute the money and will ask Maggie Baxter, seconded from the Comic Relief charity, to help. It has received more than a thousand requests from chari-

By Kathiryn Knight and Daniel McGrory est include a children's hospit-al in Mexico and a drug rehabilitation unit in Bogota. A spokesman said there had been so many requests that it would take time to agree

The newly-appointed nine trustees, under the presidency of Lady Sarah McCorquodale, the Princess's sister, agree that the Kensington Six will not be the sole recipients.

The fund will be boosted by huge Christmas sales of the memorial CD and of Sir Elton John's Candle in the Wind 1997. Sir Elton has already donated £20 million, and the record industry predicts he will be able to pass on as much



Causes close to Princess's heart are to benefit

for Princes in Klosters

PRINCES William and Harry waved sparklers in the air as they celebrated the new year

in the Alps watching a huge fireworks display. After a private dinner party at the Walserhof Hotel in Klosters, Prince William, 15, and Prince Harry, 13, watched the display from a hotel window while the Prince of Wales

see in the new year. Joining the royal party were Zara Phillips, daughter of the Princess Royal, and Tiggy Legge-Bourke, the Princes former nanny.

joined revellers in the street to

The boys' first day on the slopes yesterday was marked by the absence of photographers and reporters. They enjoyed a completely mediairee day," a royal aide said. In return for an otherwise

private skiing holiday, the Prince of Wales, his sons and Miss Phillips will pose for the cameras today on the slopes of Chesa Selfranga above Klosters. The Prince of Wales recognises the public's legitimate interest," the aide said. But they would then like to be left alone for the rest of their holiday. They don't expect to see a lens, camera, whatever, anywhere near them."

Muggers grab royal gems

was the victim of a gang of six masked motorcycle thieves who snaiched an attaché case containing rare jewels from the back seat of her Buick at a Riviera shopping centre (Susan Bell writes).

ties round the world. The lat-

Among the stolen jewellery was a small 475 carat bear cub sculpted in rubies and blue pearl. The thieves also escaped with a mink stole and credit cards. Planning some last-minute shopping before

catching a flight to Hamburg on Tuesday, the princess and Pierre Mretches, her companion, had parked the car at Cap 3000, a large shopping centre near Nice airport. It was crowded and nobody paid much attention to the motorcycles. As the princess opened her door the gang grabbed the

case and rode off. The bear formed part of a family inheritence with a bizarre twist. In 1945, Prince Ernst Hemrich, the son of the

August III and Princess Erina's father in law, buried 15 hoxes of jewelery and antiques in the grounds of the family chateau in Dresden to hide them from the Russians. Twelve were recovered after the war but three remained lost until they were discovered in 1996 by two youths with metal detectors. The contents were restored to the nine heirs who shared the Fr600 million (£61 million) inheritence.



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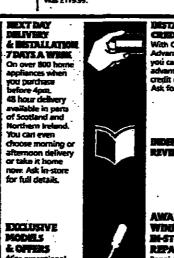
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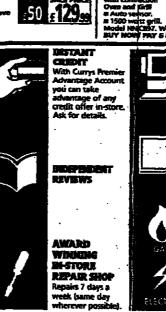
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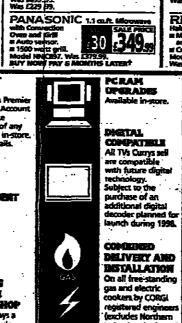
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Tina Thorne, 39, was killed as she was on her way with

friends to a New Year's Eve

party when she was hit by a car in Basildon. She suffered

serious head injuries and died later in Basildon General

Hospital. Traffic police yester-

day issued an appeal for anyone who saw the crash or

have suffered frontal damage

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Fiancée killed by driver seconds after leaving pub

A WOMAN was killed by a hit and run driver as she Year's Eve party with her fiance Lisa Ann Wesbroom and Darren Stevens, both 21, were knocked down after leaving a pub in Woodcote, Oxfordshire.

Another woman died after being hit by a car as she walked to a New Year's Eve party in Basildon, Essex. Mr Stevens and Miss Wesbroom, who were planning to marry later this year, had been celebrating the second anniversary of their en-

gagement with her family, including her father, John, and younger brothers Wayne and Mark. Miss Wesbroom, a care assistant for the elderly, died at the scene. Mr Stevens, the oldest of four brothers from Yarnton, near Oxford, was in

a stable condition with head

injuries in the Royal Berkshire

Hospital last night.
Witnesses said an E-registered Lancia Delta had carecred around a bend on the B471, hitting a parked car before knocking down the couple, who had just left the party to walk home. The car then crashed into the Red Lion public house. Dennis Smith, the landlord, said that Miss Wesbroom had been drinking orange juice minutes before she was killed. His wife, Jean, added: "The car came around



Lisa Wesbroom: died at scene of the crash

the corner and hit Lisa, who was standing with Darren. She died straight away. The car then carried Darren along the front of the pub before crashing into the bay window at the end."

Mark Wesbroom, 20, said: We were all in the pub when it happened. We heard a loud bang and rushed outside." The driver abandoned his

car and fled. He was chased by some of the pub's customers but escaped. Three hours after the accident a man was arrrested at Goring railway station near by after telephoning his parents.
Police were sent to the

station and arrested a 20-yearold man who was taken to Reading police station. A police spokesman said the man had given a positive knew the driver of the darkcoloured car, possibly a Ford, Officers say the car will

While most of the nation was sleeping off the excesses of the night before, Irene Hill, 71, left, and Mary Dowson, 83, took a traditional New Year's Day dip at Whitley Bay, North Tyneside. Another bather, also 83, said: "It's absolutely perishing, but I can't think of anything more bracing"

Youth loses his legs in midnight fall under train

his legs when he fell under a train on New Year's Eve is thought to have taken Ecstasy.

O'Shea, 19, and a small group of friends waited for a train I me. Mr O'Shea and another youth stumbled off the platform on to the tracks. The second teenager was able to scramble to safety as the London-bound train approached, but Mr O'Shea was struck as he tried to haul

himself to safety. Ambulancemen arrived to find him trapped beneath the train and a paramedic was sent to the scene. Both Mr O'Shea's legs were later amputated. The impact also severed an artery below the waist.

Mr O'Shea, from Berkham-

sted, Hertfordshire, was last night said to be "very poorly" in Milton Keynes General Hospital, where his parents were with him. Witnesses said jey had seen the youths larking about before the accident. Inspector Adrian Wells, of British Transport Police, said: This is an awful tragedy to have happened as the new year comes in. It appears the young man had been celebrating the new year. It shows that SAVE

A STUDENT who lost both you cannot be anything other than sensible around railway

He said witnesses to the in-The accident happened at cident were highly distressed filton Keynes station, on the and would not be interviewed had travelled from London to a rave party in Milton Keynes, were traced as they arrived

home early yesterday.
It is believed that the driver of the train, which was slowing down as it pulled into the platform, saw Mr O'Shea on the rails but was unable to stop. Police sources said that one of his friends had told doctors that Mr O'Shea had taken Ecstasy. It is not known if Mr O'Shea attended the rave.

Film from video surveillance cameras at the station was being studied yesterday. ☐ The death of an 18-year old who collapsed at a party was drugs related, a Home Office pathologist told police yesterday after a post-mortem ex-amination. The exact cause of death will not be known until further tests have been carried out. William McLean, of Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, died on Wednesday after col-lapsing at a house in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

A man was arrested and released on police bail pending inquiries.





End of the line for **Dam Buster** test tanks By NIGEL HAWKES

THE ship-testing tanks used by Sir Barnes Wallis to test the bouncing bombs used in the Dam Busters raid are to be demolished.

The two tanks, at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, southwest London, are no longer in use and are to be demolished as part of a redevelopment of the site. English Heritage hopes that at least one tank will be retained because of its historic

The tanks were used to design ships' hulls. The first, built between 1909 and 1911, is 550ft by 30ft and 13ft deep, and the second, built in 1932, is

678ft long. When Wallis had the idea of destroying German dams, he realised the only way of doing it was to explode charges underwater against the dam walls. Tests, including some at the ship tanks, showed that the best way of doing that was to bounce the bombs along the surface of the water until they



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Petrol stations driven to close by price war

permarkets are expected to be urged by the Office of Fair Trading to call a ceasefire in their price war to prevent the closure of thousands of ruralfilling stations.

Small independent garages, vital to many villages, have been caught in the battle between oil companies and su-permarkets, which have been winning a bigger share of pe-trol and diesel sales by cutting prices. More than 2,000 are estimated to have been forced to close in the past year, with the loss of 10,000 jobs. Many more are under threat.

The Retail Motor Industry Federation warned the OFT that, of 18,500 petrol retailing sites two years ago, fewer than 10,500 would remain in the next century. Tiny garages where the staff fill the cars from a row of pumps are a these days, largely replaced by electronically controlled forecourts.

John Bridgeman. Director-

The Office of Fair Trading is expected to act

to protect a vital service, reports **Kevin Eason**

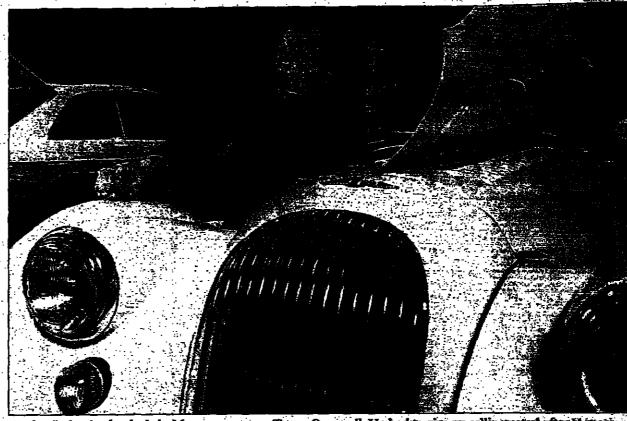
General of the Office of Fair Trading. has investigated whether sales were won by discounting at prices below cost. While he cannot condemn price cuts which benefit consumers, he is under pres-sure to curb the "predatory pricing" which leaves dozens of rural communities without their own filling station. His report in the spring is

expected to call for a code of practice to curb extreme price-cutting and provide plans for support for rural stations. Mr

panies and supermarkets to stop selling petrol at a loss Small operators in outlying towns and villages cannot buy petrol in the bulk that brings discounts from oil companies and allows them to cut prices to compete. Figures compiled by the Retail Motor Industry Federation show that a typical supermarket sells two million alions of fuel a year, a rural filling station might sell as little as a tenth of that amount.

in eight years, the proportion of motor fuel sold in Britain by supermarkets has jumped from 8 per cent to 22.1 per cent, with Tesco, Sainsbury, Asda and Safeway dominating the scene. As the supermarkets have taken more sales, oil companies -led by Esso, Shell, BP/Mobil and Texaco — fought back with price cuts of their own.

Motorists would buy £3 worth of petrol at Hugh Wilson's garage in Dunoon, in



Alan Ireland, who deals in Morgan cars near Truro. Cornwall. He had to give up selling petrol after 14 years

Argyll and Bute, to get to a Tesco supermarket across the Clyde where they could fill up for as much as 8p a litre cheaper. Mr Wilson now gets help from Esso so his prices can be as low as Tesco's, but said: "It was tough. I can just about see Tesco's from here, so

take the business because at the time I couldn't compete." Alan Ireland gave up after 14 years. His little garage in Perranwell Station, Cornwall. now has a reputation as a base for restorations of Morgan sports care instead of as the local filling station. "We couldn't afford to buy the amounts the

take, it wasn't worth the light," he said. "People these days have to go into towns for their shopping anyway and would drive past to get to a super-

Chris McGowan, the federation's chief executive, added:

local filling station is vital.
Many old people, the disabled
or young mothers do not want
to have to spend ES or E10 in petrol just to get to their near help from the OFT to protect jobs in communities already drained of local services."

Drivers would pay up to £5 a gallon

MOTORISTS would refuse to give up the comfort and convevience of their cars even if the Government were to raise the price of petrol to £5 a gallon (Kevin Eason writes).

A survey for The Times by Autonational Rescue, the breakdown organisation, lass discovered a nation weddedto its cars, no matter how difficult the journeys caused by congestion or the risks from pollution.

Seven in ten said they could not give up their cars "no matter what the cost" Surprisingly, motorists in towns and were most adamant. with 72 per cent-saying they could not give up compared with 67 in rural areas.

And they shrew up their hands in horror when asked whether they might consider walking to work. Only 80 of the 1,000 motorists questioned they would consider it. Cy cling was no more popular: only one in ten said they would get on their bikes to soive congestion.

The survey gives a snapshot of the modern motorist only weeks before the Government's transport White Paper is expected to propose radical measures to curb the movement of cars in towns and cities while putting pressure on train operators to run better services.

Moorisis want to go on using their cars, even for the shortest trips, according to the survey. Nime in ten use their cars for shopping and half for travelling to work, with a lifth needing the car for the daily school run.

In fact, the school run blamed for longely increasing rush-hour congestion, painted a depressing picture of the assitudes of many car users: 65 per cent said they would send their children on a free bus, but a third said they would not under any circumstances.

Motorists' solutions to congestion and pollution also smacked of leaving it to the Government. They wanted Parliament to improve public transport and make it cheap er, and force manufacturers to make more environmentally friendly and fuel-efficient vehicles. But most refused to contemplate daily life without the car.

NEWS IN BRIEF Boyfriend in court on murder charge The boyfriend of Lisa Blunt, a mother of four who was

ego, appeared before mage trates yesterday charged with Shilton, 29, from Bestwoo in custody for eight days. Mr Shilton, a factory work-er, was accused of killing his 23-year-old partner on or about December 21. He spoke odly to confirm his name, date of birth and address. There was no application for hall and reporting restrictions were not lifted Police have said they were confident that a charred body found two days ago in Bulwell, Notting vas that of Miss Blunt

Police van death he was hit by a police dog handler's van responding to an emergency call in St Helen's, Merseyside. Police officers gave the man first aid for severe head injuries at the scene but he was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. The Police Complaints Au

Killer recaptured A murderer who absconded from Leyhill Open Prison, Gloucestershipe, was reton, Somerset. Anthony Lucas, 48, serving life for killing his common law wife. was reported missing on New Year's Eve, which made him the tenth inmate to abscord from Leyhill last year.

Officers in brawl

An internal police inquiry is came to blows at a Christmas party held by the Crown Prosecution Service in Plymouth. A Devon and Cornwall firmed that one of the police men had been asked to leave the private party after "an

Ring the changes

New BT telephone numbers for shopping and business services are launched this month National call rate numbers beginning 0990 are being changed to 0870 as part of an industry wide plan make the cost of calls clean to The 0870 code for national services will apply to calls costing about 7p a minute.

Klan man dead

A man who served a jail sentence over his recruitment material for the Ku Klux Klan was found hanged at his home in Calcot, Berkshire. Andrew Frain, 32, was sentenced to six months in 1996 for possessing racially inflammatory documents with a view to stirring up haired. An inquest will be held.

Screen debut

A water and dirt resistant windscreen featured is BMW in an April Fool's advertisement three years ago is being offered as an option on its 8-series models. A special solution diffuses into the screen surface and prevents water droplets joining to form a film. At speeds over 40mph the drops are blown away.

Sea mail surprise

A postcard wrapped in polythene and put in the sea off North Foreland, Kent, in 1967 to test tidal movement has been returned. It was sent with the promise that the finder would be given half a crown (12¹2p). Ferdinand Cosson, a German tourist, is to get his reward after finding the postcard in Denmark.

Christmas call by long-lost brother

BY PAUL WHITTAKER: FRANK BEALE, 74, thought

there had been a death in the family when he was woken by a telephone call at 6.30am on Christmas Day. The caller left him recting in shock, but the news was anything but bad. The former Metropolitan Police officer was staggered to learn that the voice on the other end in Australia was the hrother from whom he had not heard in 64 years. Mr Beale, of Morley, near Leeds, had given up all hope of seeing his only brother. Pat-rick, again after they were separated following their mother's antider in 1934.

The orbitated brothers last saw each other when Frank was ten and Patrick, who now Australia, was three Their mother, Lucy Covell, was killed by a hoyfriend during an argument in Watford. Last year Patrick Covell. 62, turned to the Catholic Child Welfare Council in London to help to find his brother. Frank Beale "Both of us were taken into care after our mother was killed and we

lives near Perth. Western

were split up. I was taken in by my aunt and uncle but. sadly, they didn't have room for Patrick I remember the poor little thing going off to a children's home in South-ampton and that was the last I ever heard about him."

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Women given cosmetic surgery for Christmas

HUNDREDS of women are going into hospital this month to collect From nips and tucks to cataract removals, private hospitals face a busy new year, writes Ian Murray their Christmas presents. A few painful days later, they hope to emerge looking better.

The nips and tucks of cosmetic surgery have been one of the more unusual presents of the festive season. For some, it is a quick way to realise New Year's resolutions about losing weight. Bupa hospitals have been discreetly advertisng their own version of Christmas Issumetic gifts, and they report that bookings for early January have risen by up to 15 per cent.

Peter Fermoy, of Bupa, believes that cosmetic surgery makes a

Christmas present". However, he admitted that partners had to be extremely careful in choosing their

words before offering such a gift. He added: "For those whose Christmas stockings are filled with varicose veins or cellulità, cosmetic surgery is proving an increasingly popular gift. Everything from top to toe is available."

Every year about 70,000 people - 90 per cent of them women have a "cosmetic procedure". A full facelift costs about £3,875. A double

Very perceptive and thoughtful ear reduction is £3,000. Bilateral breast augmentation costs \$2,255 plus the price of the implants, depending on size and filling. Breast reductions are £3,315 for women or £2,500 for men. A new stimitine look by means of an abdominoplasty, or stomach tuck, is £2.370.

However, many doctors are quick to point out the potential of cosmetic surgery, emonasising that even the most skilled surgeons can not guarantee satisfaction. Barry Jones, a leading

plastic surgeon, has said that people should always approach their GPs for advice and be realistic. The only surgeons who don't have complications are the ones who don't have operations."

Popular operations, such as breast reduction and facelifts, can sometimes lead to vivid scarring, while even the smaller operations, such as eyelifts or collagen lip implants, can lead to irritation and extended soreness. Those who undergo liposuction, where fat is sucked from areas around the hips, thighs and stomach, can be left with numbness and bumpy and irregular skin.

Not all Christmas gift operations are for reasons of vanity. Long waiting lists mean that elderly people with cataracts can wait up to two years for an operation on the NHS that will help them to see properly again. The latest figures show that lists have grown for this operation by 13 per cent since June. As cataract removal is a lowpriority operation, the looming winter crisis in hospitals inevitably

means that the time will get even

More than two thirds of people aged over 60 have a cataract, and about 150,000 have them removed every year, with a 95 per cent

Some private clinics are now offering cataract gift vouchers so that family members can club together to pay for elderly relatives to see properly again.

Surgicare, which runs clinics in Manchester, Birmingham and North London, sells them for £985. Bookings have been brisk, with about 20 per cent more operations than usual just before Christmas.

When someone is in their seventies and unable to see properly, waiting for up to two years for a simple operation that can be done in a day and will put everything right is a very long time." Ian

Waterman, of Surgicare, said. "Many older people are now opting to use their savings for the operation, but caring families are also collecting money between them to buy the operation for grandparents. The gift of sight is one of the best Christmas

Scientists 'see body parts as rich harvest'

BY A CORRESPONDENT

MEDICAL scientists are treating parts of the body as a raw material to be "mined and harvested", two American law professors said yesterday. Scientists were increasingly out of step with most people in the way they viewed the human body, said Lori Andrews and Dorothy Nelkin.

Organs, tissues and cells were all too often seen as impersonal objects to be used for research and commercial exploitation. This could be seen in the metaphors used by scientists. Writing in The Lancet, Professor Andrews, from Chicago-Kent College of Law, and Professor Nelkin, of New York University, said: "Body parts are extracted like a mineral, harvested like a crop, or mined like a resource.

"Tissue can be 'procured' a term that is more commonly used to refer to land, goods, or the prostitutes provided for a client. Cells, embryos or tissue can be frozen, banked, placed in libraries or repositories, marketed, patented, bought,

One physician who patent-ed a cell line referred to his Californian patient's body as a "gold mine". Pathologists had called a collection of \$0,000 blood samples in the United States a "treasure trove". The professors said such an approach was misguided be-

SCIENTISTS have identified

a genetic abnormality believed

to, help in making some people resistant to the Aids

virus. The mutation, known as

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body and its parts had important symbolic meanings.

Some people felt any use of their body parts but did not want to see them patented or commercially exploited. Some felt groups and individuals were entitled to financial compensation for the use of their body parts by scientists and

The divergence of amtudes between scientists and lay people had led to numerous conflicts and disputes, the professors said. The history of science was littered with examples of such disputes intensifying when scientists ignored public concerns. Scientists' defensive response to animal rights protests, for example, had increased opposition and eventually had an impact on research. Activists had become more radical, calling not only for regulation but the abolition of experiments with animals.

The professors said: "The proliferation of disputes sugests that social conceptions of the body serve important purposes for individuals and society. Ignoring them may be hazardous—to the psychological wellbeing of individuals, to the maintenance of important social values, and to the future of science itself."

Hospital of St Joseph in Paris

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Rare gene resists HIV



Chrissie Alsop, superintendent radiographer at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, with the 2,000-year-old mummy of a woman who died from a common parasitic disease

Modern medicine reveals secrets of the tomb

THE Egyptian mummy No 1766 appears young and but modern science has re-

In life she was a member of the upper middle class, but her privileged lifestyle was no barrier to a painful death from a common parasitic disease. Two thousand years after her death her remains have been subjected to a CT scan at Manchester Royal Infirmary as part of a project on bilharzia, which afflicts more than 300 million people

in 79 countries. The Manchester University project is pioneering new techniques to trace the evolu-

■ The mummy of an Egyptian woman who died of bilharzia may help researchers to find a vealed the ugly secret that she cure for the disease, reports Russell Jenkins

> or 6,000 years to guide research towards a successful cure. Such unlocking of the mummies' secrets is regarded as the next important stage in the study of the civilisation.

> The team, led by Rosalie Keeper of Egyptology, has 24 human and 34 animal mum mies, including the body coffin of Khaum Nakht, complete with all its funerary arte

Tomb of the Two Brothers The university has set up the first centre for biomedical studies in Egyptology. It is also the centre for the world's first ancient Egyptian tissue

Dr David, who carried out one of the last whole-body unwrappings in 1975, said: The ancient Egyptians wanted to live forever and we are offering them a sort of eternity. The tissue bank will be a

not just into schistosomiasis [bilharzia] but other major diseases like malaria."

The Manchester collection was the result of collaboration between Jesse Haworth, a wealthy textile merchant, and the celebrated Egyptologist Sir Flinders Petrie, for more than a decade up to the turn of

team's work was prompted when an American medical miasis — caused by a waterborne worm-like parasite that can lead to chronic debilitation and death - had develresulting project, which, Dr

miological study to trace the development of a disease over a 5,000-year period, is a combined effort with MSCI in In recent weeks the team Arlington, Virginia, and the Egyptian Ministry of Health.

Mummy 1766, excavated from Hawara, was thought to particularly ise X-rays had revealed a calcified bladder, indicating the presence of the disease. Dr David said: "She is shown as young and beautiful, but this is the reality. The other side of problems with a whole range parasitic infections. They suffered physically."

team to examine the body

rial. Elsewhere scientists used a range of diagnostic tools to study small amounts of tissue. devised a method of diagnosimmunocytochemistry, a technique using fluorescent tags. Dr David said: "The results will eventually be compiled for comparison with those of the Egyptian Ministry of Health. We will hopefully be able to see what happened to this disease, which social

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an insight into how it should

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ance is not practicable as there

are so many nooks and cran-

nies where hedgehogs can hide," Mr Minns said. The

aim would be to create hedge-

hog-free zones in core areas of

the machair, the grassy plain

that runs down the west coast of the islands and provides the main nesting sites for birds."

In the early 1990s wildlife officials rounded up and flew

back to mainland Scotland the

proliferating descendants of a pair of hedgehogs imported to North Ronaldsay in the Ork-

Invaders' taste for eggs has added

to the hazards facing endangered birdlife, writes Michael Hornsby

ECOLOGISTS are planning televict an alien invader from mote Scottish islands where it is threatening the survival of important bird populations.

The improbable subject of their concern is the hedgehog. which is multiplying on a Malthusian scale on the Outer Hebrides, unchecked by predators and in little danger of coming to a sticky end beneath the wheels of traffic.

Introduced more than 20 years ago, the hedgehogs have developed a taste for the eggs ground-nesting birds, among them the rare comcrake and large colonies of dunlins, lapwings, oyster-catchers, ringed plovers and

David Minns, head of pub-lic affairs in Scotland for the Royal Society for the Protec-tion of Birds (RSPB), said: There are estimated to be at least 10,000 hedgehogs on the island of South Uist alone. There is no doubt they have contributed to a decline in bird numbers in recent years.

It is sad that an attractive and well-loved creature. should have been planked down in an unsuitable area and be causing problems. It is a classic example of the folly of transporting wildlife to places where it has not evolved in balance with other species." An inhabitant of Daliburgh,

at the southern end of South Uist, is thought to have im-ported the first four hedge-hogs to the islands in 1974 to control slugs. By 1993 the creatures had spread throughout South Uist and into Benbecula and North Uist, via the causeway linking all three

Now the RSPB and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), the Government's wildlife adviser, are discussing a plan to trap as many hedgehogs as possible and take them to the ney Islands 20 years earlier: But there are far more hedgehogs on the Outer Hebrides. A survey by SNH scientists on South Uist between 1993 and 1995 suggested that in some areas the predators were destroying up to 10 per cent of

bird's nests Since then hedgehog preda-tion is thought to have in-creased. Radio-tagging has enabled us to follow the move-ments of individual hedgehogs and has shown clearly that they are wandering about the machair eating bird's

nests," Mr Minns said.
Corncrakes are particular endangered. There are estimated to be fewer than 700 pairs in Britain, all confined to islands in the Inner and Outer Hebrides. Elusive at the best of times, the birds betray their presence mainly by the male's

Crofters have been paid grants to postpone cutting grass so as to avoid disturbing cornerake nests. This is thought to have helped to bring about a small recovery in corncrake numbers. But the uncut grass may also be providing good cover for



Breast is best to avoid lung problems

BY PAUL WHITTAKER

HILDREN who have been bottle-fed as babies are almost twice as likely to suffer from respiratory illnesses as those who were breast-fed, according to new research.

A study of 545 children between the ages of six and ten at Ninewells Hospital and Medical School in Dundee reinforces the health benefits of mother's milk. The study, published in the British Medical Journal today, also found that solid feeding before 15 weeks was associated with greater body fat and weight.
The probability for the development of lung problems was 17 per cent for children exclusively breast-fed for at

those who were partially reast-fed, and 32.2 per cent those wholly bottle-fed. Maximum blood pressure was raised significantly in children who were exclusively bottle-fed, compared with children who had breast milk. The findings, from a re-search team led by Stewart Forsyth, concluded: The

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probability of respiratory illness occurring at any time during childhood is signifi-cantly reduced if the child is fed exclusively breast milk for 15 weeks and no solid foods are introduced during this time. Breast-feeding and the late introduction of solids may have a beneficial effect on childhood health and subse-

quent adult disease." Other studies have shown hat breast-feeding protects babies from gastro-intestinal illnesses and respiratory infections. Current NHS guide-lines recommend that babies be breast-fed exclusively for the first four months.

Many mothers give up breast-feeding after the first few weeks. In 1985, 64 per cent of habies in Britain were breast-fed at birth, falling to 52 per cent at two weeks and to 39

Women are the busiest royals

By A TIMES REPORTER

THE Princess Royal was the busiest member of the royal family last year, with the Oueen her nearest rival, according to a survey of official engagements published in The Times today.

The survey taken from the Court Circular shows the Princess Royal carried out 642 engagements at home and abroad, as against 600 by the Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh, who was the busiest in 1996, was third with 532, just ahead of the Prince of Wales who attended 513 official

The list does not include functions attended by Diana. the Court Circular after her

The Royal Family's total of 3,820 engagements at home and overseas shows an increase of 108 from 1996. A quarter were on behalf of charities. Mr Tim O'Donovan, a retired insurance broker from Datchet, Berkshire, who compiles the survey, said: "This just shows how hard working the Royal Family

really are. "Although they are all getting older, they are still very busy. The Queen Mother, at 97, carried out more engagements despite her continuing health problems. The Duke of York was able to carry out more engagements, 263, because he is now doing a

Defence so is more available." Prince Edward carried out 183 engagements. He is busy with own television production company. Mr O'Donovan said: "Those who argue for a smaller Royal Family should look at the contribution made by the Queen's sister and her cousins with 41 per cent of the engagements in support of charities.

desk job at the Ministry of



A MAN who applied unsuccessfully for 2,900 jobs during 13 years of unemployment starts work today. Graham Hoskins, 50, from South Wales, attended hundreds of interviews but despaired of

anding employment again.
The £115 a week he will earn as a valet for a van hire company is more than twice the money he was collecting on the dole. Mr Hoskins. from Blacktown, near Newport, said: "I never gave up hope and I already feel as if some of my pride and dignity

He was made redundant in 1984 from his job as a storeman at a factory. Mr. Hoskins, who looks after his disabled father, said: "I just kept getting rejections. It was early disheartening and, tanded a job after all this time.
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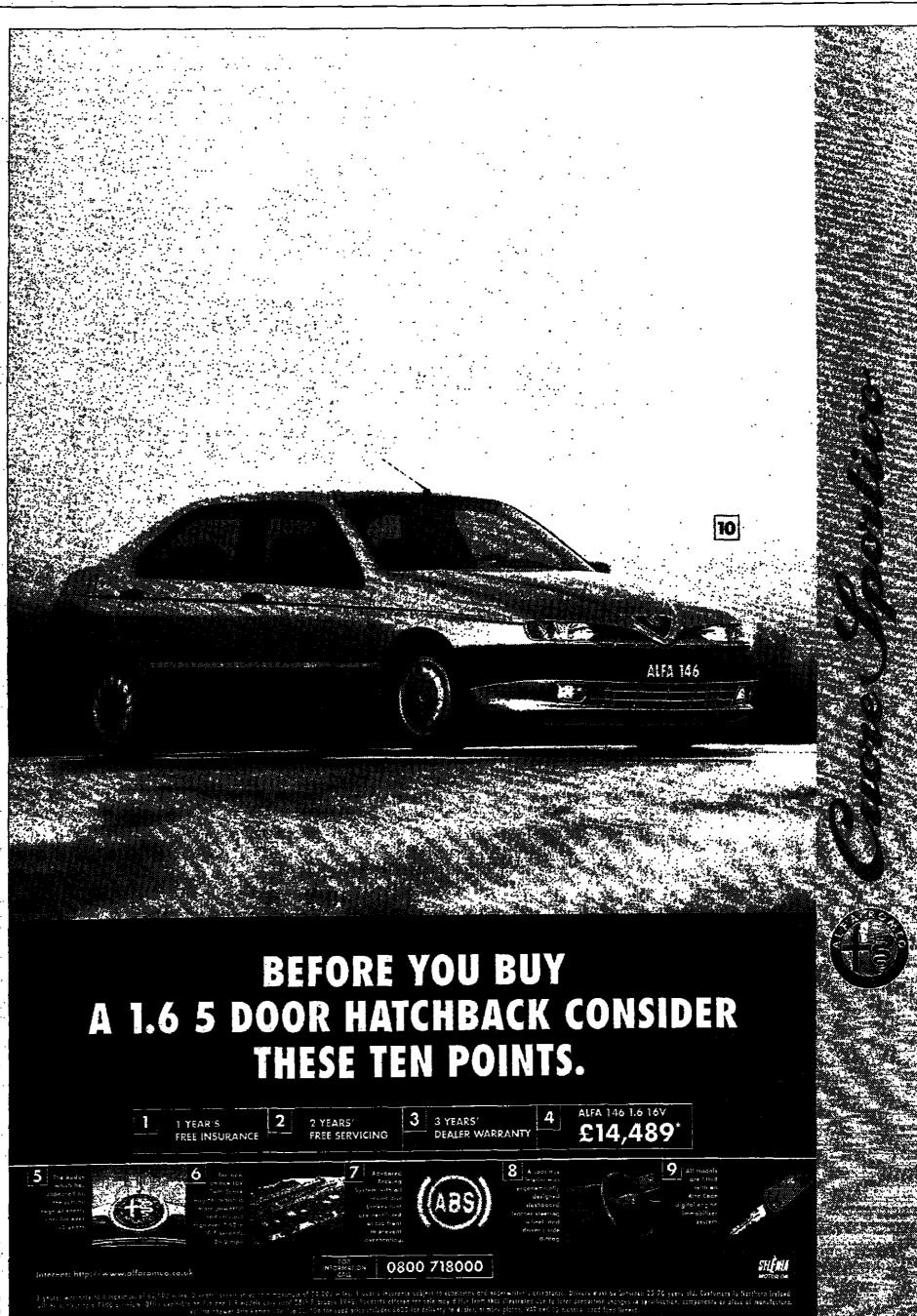
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Hoskins urged others never to give up hope

job could be just around the corner." He joined his local Jobelub in 1987 and has been on its books longer than anyone else. Stephen Rondel, the manager, said: "We are thrilled that Graham has gave him the job on the spot." Alan Thomas, assistant manager at Halo Van Hire,

said: "We are delighted to give



America defied on settler building

States has strongly criti-cised Israel over plans for a new Jewish settlement in the West Bank, in defiance of American calls for a freeze on such building (Ross Dunn writes).

The condemnation is at odds with assurances by Yitzhak Mordechai, the Israeli Defence Minister, who said the US had agreed that the settlement did not breach peace accords with Palestinians.

However, James Foley. the State Department spokesman, said: "Increasing settlement construction does not help to create the kind of environment necessary for boosting confi-dence between Pales-tinians and Israelis." He was speaking after Mr Mordechai laid the cornerstone of a new neighbourhood in the West Bank settlement of Bet El.

Just hours after the announcement, a Jewish settler woman in the West Bank was critically injured in a drive-by shooting by suspected Palestinian

In another development David Levy, the Foreign Minister, threatened to resign over the proposed Israeli budget, which he said would harm the poor.

Bible scholars hail find of evil king's seal

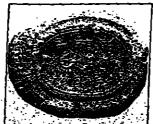
THE claimed discovery of a complete and undamaged seal of one of the biblical Jewish kings has been hailed as an important find by experts in

This is significant and much too difficult to fake," Pather Jerome Murphy-O'Connor, a Dominican archaeologist, said. He was reacting to a report about the finding of a clay seal used for sealing a papyrus letter, which was stamped with the inscription "Ahaz Ison of Yotam, King of Judah."

Robert Deutsch, of Tel Aviv University, confirmed in his book Messages from the Past that the seal has been identified. He described it as being of a high calligraphic order and said that there is a fingerprint at the edge of the

clay daub. He said: "We believe it is the king's and that it was made unintentionally as he imprinted the seal with his signet ring. Several experts have examined it and they are all convinced it is genuine.

The experts included world authorities such as Frank Moore Cross, of Harvard University, and Andre Le-



antiquities market

maire, of the Institut des Recherches Bibliques in Paris. He said that the seal had appeared on the private antiquities market and had been bought by Shlomo Moussaieff, an Israeli collector and

biblical scholar. The seal had been found at an unknown date in the southern part of the West Bank, but the exact location was not known. Two other seals from the signet ring of another biblical Jewish king, Hezekiah, have been found, but unlike that of

King Ahaz they were not in a complete state of preservation. Ahaz, a member of the House of David, ruled from 732BC to 716BC (co-regent from 735 or earlier) and has been described as "one of Judah's worst kings". He

introduced pagan worship and even sacrificed his own

when Israel and Syria launched a combined attack

Ignoring the advice of the

prophet Isaiah, he appealed to the Assyrian King Tiglath-pileser III for help, even offering him treasure from the Temple in Jerusalem, but in doing so became his vassal. Under the pact that King Ahaz made with Tiglath-pileser, Assyria promised to protect Judah as long as it had no dealings with Assyria's ene-mies. King Ahaz was forced to pay tribute to the Assyrians and, in an effort to please them, he encouraged worship of the Assyrian gods. Isaiah vii records that the

"hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind" and says at one point that the Lord spoke to King Ahaz and said: "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the high-est heights." But King Ahaz replied that he would not "put

He was admonished by isaiah for that reply. The prophet declared: "Hear now, you House of David! Is it not enough for you to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also?"



Dogged sheikh Jordanian village of Basilia Sheikh Badi Rsheid alhounds Clinton lion) for calling his new dog Buddy. Sheikh Badi, whose name is pronounced "bud-

Yahya Bani Sakhr, with a copy of the letter he sent to the United States Embassy suing President Clinton for

psychological distress and loss of earnings. He is a sheep trader, but said locals are calling him "Clinton's Dog". Dogs are considered dirty in Islam. The sheikh said that he was now afraid to leave his home. (AFP)

Scores killed in Burundi clashes

Bujumbura: At least 150 civilians were killed yesterday as Hutu rebels were repulsed after attacking a military camp and village near Bujuhi bura airport in Burundi, offici-

At least 30 rebels also we killed by soldiers who repell a New Year's Day raid on Gakumbu military carep. Lieutenant Colonel Mamert Sinarinzi told Burundian radio. Two soldiers died and three were wounded.

The rebels, estimated at more than 1,000, retreated north through Gitaramu village where at least 150 civilians were killed, said Jean-Luc Ndiziye, Burundi's Ambassa-dor to Britain. Bodies were still being counted.

It was unclear how the zvilians, who were majority Hutus, died, but during the clash, heavy artillery fire could be heard in central west of the airport.

Mr Ndiziye said that members of Rwanda's defeated Hutu army were among the rebel: casualties. Documents found on the attackers indicated they were part of the Alliance for the Restoration of Democracy, a previously rebels regularly strike in northwestern and southern Burundi, it was the first rebel attack on a military target near the capital for two

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Moscow: Asian Maskhadov, the Chechen President, yesterday

dismissed the separatist Russian region's Covernment and asked Shamil Basayev, who led a bloody hostage-taking raid in Russia in 1995, to form slagw Cabinet. Mr Basayev, 32, fought as a rebel commander against Russian troops in the 21-month war during Chechnya's independence drive against Moscow from December 1994 to August 1996.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Hostage-taker to

be Chechen leader

The Ekho Moskvy radio station quoted Moviadi Udugov, the First Deputy Prime Minister, as saying the Government had not been up to the task of running Chechnya in the difficult economic climate since the war with Moscow. The new Government must work under tough conditions. Mr Udugov said: (Reuters)

Annual earthquake toll rises

Washington: Seventeen major earthquakes killed at least 2,913 people in 1997, compared with 2,464 people killed by 21 quakes if 1996, the US Geological Survey said. A major earthquake is defined as one with a magnitude of 7.0 or higher on the Richter scale. The deadliest earthquake of 1997 struck northern Iran on May 10, killing 1.567 people, injuring 2,300 and leaving 50,000 homeless. There are an average of 20 major tremors around the world each year. (Reuters)

Italy intercepts Kurds' ship

Rome: A ship carrying hundreds of Kurds and other people but with no captain was intercepted off Italy yesterday, a day after President Scalfaro had said that the country's arms were 'wide open" to immigrants seeking asylum. Officials said the Cometa, flying a Panamanian flag and intercepted two miles off Italy's southeastern coast, was carrying 386 people, including 23 children, one a one-month-old baby. They were ferried ashore to Otranto. Their condition was said to be relatively good. (Reuters)

Short on aid trip to Malawi

London: Clare Short, right, the Secretary for International Development, arrives in Malawi tomorrow for a visit intended to underline Britain's new commitment to eliminating poverty in the world's least developed countries (Michael Binyon writes). She will hold talks with President Muluzi and government ministers in which she will propose a new development "partnership". Ms Short will also visit projects run by British and international charities.



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Bhutto corruption accusation

Islamabad: The Government has filed corruption cases with Pakistan's accountability commission against Benazir Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, her husband and her mother. The commission, headed by a retired Supreme Court judge, is empowered to forward a corruption case to court for trial after looking at evidence given by the Government. (AFP)

Moscow bomb injures three

Moscow: A bomb in a bag exploded at a Moscow underground station yesterday, injuring three metro workers. A metro employee said of the blast at Tretyakov station: "A driver found a package resembling a woman's handbag in a tunnel. He saw naturies and wires, so he gave it to the station master." The bomb exploded in or near the station master's office [Reuters]

How beauty tamed a warrior



Dubai: A Syrian general's crush on Gina Lollobrigida, left, saved the lives of Italian soldiers in Beaut in 1983. Mustapha Tlass, now Syrian Defence Minister, told the daily Al-Bayan he ordered the Lebanese resistance to spare them as he did not want a single tear falling from the eyes of the Italian actress. The mulinational force in Beirut was pulled out in 1984 after suicide attacks killed 241 Americans and 58 French soldiers. Not one Italian was hurt. (AFP)

Big break for Cuban pitcher

Washington: Orlando Hernández, Cuba's top tiaschall pitcher who was earning 66 a month after being barned from playing, was yesterday granted entry in America where he can expect to make millions of dollars as a player (fan illions writes). Hemandez became a sports trainer at a mental beginn after his half-brother Livan defected to the US to join the state.

Asian 'tigers' face return to law of jungle

MALAYSIANS must be will-ing to make sacrifices to defend their currency during 1998, or face the prospect of "recolonisation", says Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister.

Showing that his views had changed little on East Asia's current financial crisis, the Malaysian leader. 71; said: The world will not show any sympathy and offer their hand to us because we are facing economic pressure. The laws of the jungle are rampant."

Dr Mahathir, who had pre-

viously blamed the financier George Soros, other unnamed "speculators" and a "Jewish agenda" for Malaysia's problems, said the fall in the currency's value had made Malaysians poorer. Not only was their freedom to run the economy at stake, but their

political freedom too. Since the onset of the Asian economic crisis in June, the value of Malaysia's currency, the ringgit, has fallen by 35 per cent against the dollar, and the value of shares on Kuala Lumpur's stock market has

plunged by 40 per cent.
The fiery Malaysian Prime
Minister was not the only East Asian leader anticipating in-creased hardship and sacrifice. The short-term outlook

Pol Pot: was being held

Pol Pot

'has fled

to haven

in China'

FROM CAROLINE GLUCK

IN PHNOM PENH

POL POT, the former Khmer

Rouge leader, is reported to

have left the northern Cambo-

dian jungle, where he was

under house arrest, and gone

According to General Nhiek

Bun Chay, the opposition commander loyal to Prince

Norodom Ranariddh, Cambo-

dia's ousted Co-Prime Minister, the move was aimed at

preventing Pol Pot from facing

an international tribunal for

his crimes against humanity. However, the general could not give any details about the

circumstances surrounding

General Nhiek, whose

troops have entered into a de

facto alliance with the Khmer

Rouge in fighting the Govern-

ment of Hun Sen, the Prime Minister, also claimed that at

the same time as Pol Por left

Cambodia, Ta Mok, the guer-

rilla group's defence chief, had

held talks in Thailand with a

Both claims have been

strongly denied by an official at the Chinese Embassy in

Phnom Penh. Senior Cambo-

dian government officials also

dismissed the reports, saying

the opposition forces were

China was formerly a close backer of the Khmer Rouge

movement, providing military

and financial aid. But after the

signing of the 1991 Paris peace

agreement, direct Chinese

support for the guerrilla fac-

tion ended. Beijing quickly

recognised the new-look Cam-

bodian coalition Government

after Prince Ranariddh was

trying to provoke

Chinese diplomat.

trouble.

Pol Pot's alleged departure.

to China.



Malaysia's Dr Mahathir, left, sees a risk of economic turmoil leading to "recolonisation", James Pringle writes

lysts agree, is gloomy: frugal Singapore and the Philip-pines, it seems, are the only states likely to avoid the worst of the troubles.

In South Korea, one of the countries hardest hit, Presi-

dent-elect Kim Dae Jung said the new year marked the start of the state's "most difficult time since the Korean War". It was standing at a crossroads between catastrophe and re-birth, he said yesterday.

In Thailand, where the crisis started with the fall of the baht, King Bhumibol Adul-yadej said there were no signs that the economy would recover in 1998. "You must lead a life of austerity, be conscious. patient and work harder for the nation," he said.

A similar message came from President Suharto of Indonesia. "We are fighting hard to overcome this difficult time," he said. 'The Government has clear programmes to get over the turmoil."

Hinting at the danger of possible strife between ethnic

UNDERGRADUATES at the University of Virginia sculpt genitalia from Play-Doh: stu-

dents at the State University of

New York are lectured by

sado-masochists; at Brown

University, academics are giv-

ing classes on homosexuality in the animal kingdom.

: Half a century after the field

avas invented by a soft-spoken biology professor from the Midwest named Alfred Kin-

v. the study of sexuality is

Gone are the days when sex

education provoked giggles at the back of the classroom.

Courses on sex can now be

found at many big universi-

from the innocuous "gender

studies" to the extravagant

Hobart and William Smith

Colleges in upstate New York

have begun offering degrees in the new discipline of "men's

studies", using Hollywood

films to examine such topics as

date rape, homophobia and

- The University of Minneso-

ta is setting up a Centre for

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and

Transgender Studies with an

endowment of \$500,000 (£300,000). The University of

lowa plans a certificate pro-

gramme in sexuality; and

Hampshire College in Massa-

chusetts is offering "Queer

Lives", a postmodern version

Across America, PhD stu-

dents are devoting themselves

to such subjects as the semiot-

ics of stripping. The pioneer-ing Centre for Lesbian and

Gay Studies at the City Univ-

ersity of New York boasts on

its faculty Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, the wife of an ophthalmologist who earned notoriety with a paper to the

of Mods and Greats.

domestic violence.

queer histories" at Yale.

ties, under rubrics ranging

booming in America.

Indonesians and the country's more prosperous Chinese minority, President Suharto said: "In these uneasy times, the strength that must be relied on is national unity."

In Hong Kong, Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive. toured markets where more than a million chickens have been killed in an effort to stamp out the avian flu virus. The outbreak is bound to damage tourism further.

Even in heavily controlled China, there are growing indications of economic slowdown. Just before the new year, Li Peng, the Prime Minister, admitted he was unable to help redundant workers or to reduce poverty among 50 million Chinese. "State enterprises are still in a difficult situation," he said.

China has pledged not to devalue the yuan this year, but some insiders say that this may become necessary by April to meet the challenge of regional rivals whose prod-ucts are now cheaper.

Kinsey's heirs

are thriving in

American

universities,

James Bone

reports from

New York

Modern Language Associ ation entitled Jane Austen and

The surge in sexuality stud-

ies has come under attack

from conservatives as an open

invitation to a misspent youth.

The State University of New

York provoked outrage recent-

ly when it invited sado-mas-

Roger Kimball, managing editor of the monthly New

Criterion, denounced the deci-

sion in the pages of The Wall

Street Journal under the

headline "Syllabus for Sickos"

and George Pataki, the Republican Governor of New

York State, joined the attack.

The climate is sufficiently

hostile for some universities to

take precautions to protect

their graduates. Brown Uni-

versity's course on "Queers and Culture" is described on

report cards, for instance, as

"Identities Communities" in order not to offend potential

employers. Yale recently re-

fused a \$7 million offer by the

gay playwright Larry Kramer

to fund a gay studies

are not necessarily flattered by

their imitators. Dr John Ban-

croft, the British medical re

searcher who now runs the

Kinsey Institute at Indiana

University, laments that many

of the new courses lack scien-

tific rigour. "There is still a lack of good, basic research into the fundamentals of hu-

man sexualities," he told The

Kinsey, the author of re-

ports on the sexual habits of

American men (1948) and

women (1953), has come under

scrutiny. James Jones, a professor at the University of

Houston, has just published a

biography claiming that the

founding father of sex studies

filmed his assistants having

intercourse, had sex with mul-

tiple partners and indulged in

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New York Times.

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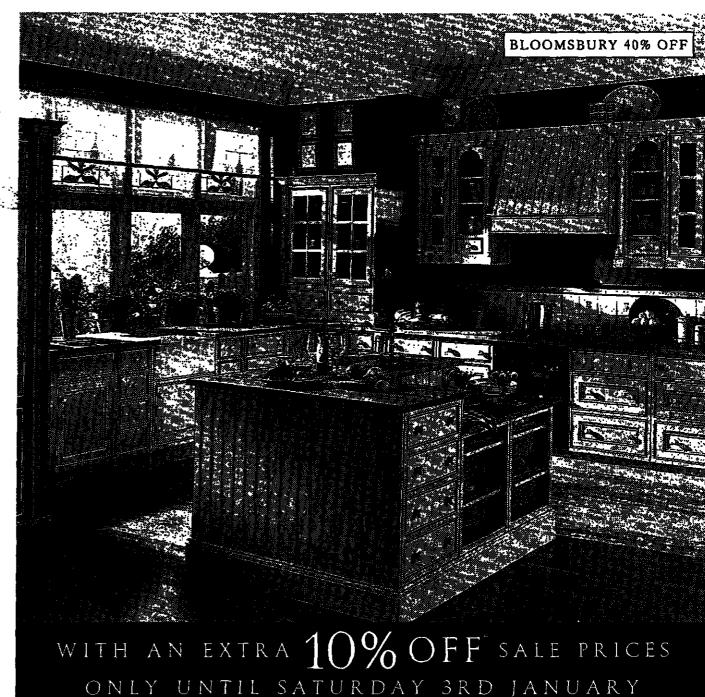
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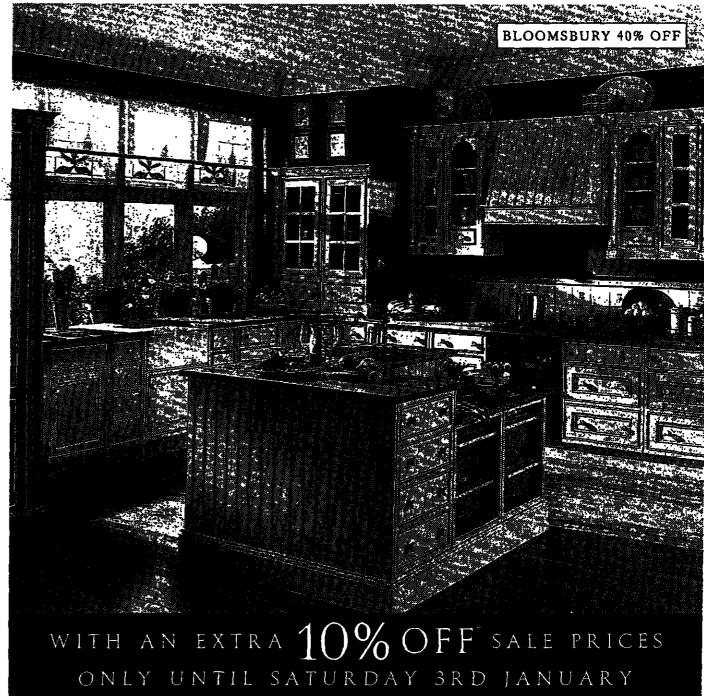


An early visitor inspects a newly opened stretch of the Great Wall. The two and a half mile section, which passes through the Juyongguan Pass reopened yesterday after being closed for repairs for five years. In Beijing, President Jiang Zemin and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, joined 10,000 people for a new year gala concert given by the China, Shanghai and Beijing Symphony Orchestras in the Great Hall of the People

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New avian flu case confirmed

Kinsey: pioneer has

come under scrutiny

more than a million chickens was completed here yesterday as a new case of avian flu was confirmed and other countries showed rising concern.

Officials said more than 1.4 million chickens, geese, pi-geons and quails had their throats slit or were gassed in the three-day operation in-

Hong Kong The slaughter of ment spokesman said the disinfecting of farms, wholesale markets and retail outlets

was continuing. In addition to the four dead, there are now ten confirmed cases of avian flu and six suspected cases. The latest confirmed case is a 14-yearold girl whose condition was satisfactory in hospital, a government spokesman said.

epidemic, but the South China Morning Post quoted government sources as saying the next ten days would be crucial in establishing the scale of the crisis. There is growing international concern over the virus, only detected in birds until a three-year-old boy became the first human fatality last May. The United Arab Emirates is the latest country to ban poultry from China

week for Cuhati tended to halt the spread of The Government says it has the H5N1 virus, which has a contingency plan for any killed four people. A govern-

French jobless protests herald grim new year

THE much discussed malaise afflicting France was vividly illustrated over the new year as discontent with high levels of unemployment erupted into unrest and violence among poor youths, the unemployed and homeless.

Trouble flared on New Year's Eve as youths rampaged through poor suburbs. The unrest reached its peak in Strasbourg in eastern France, when young people set fire to 53 cars and destroyed 21 telephone boxes and 32 bus

Home-made bombs damaged several public buildings in the city, including a gymnasium, college, primary school and community centre. Riot police were called in to break up gangs of youths and children, some as young as ten, and twelve people were arrested. The violence brought the tally of cars set alight in the city this

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

year to 570. More alarm bells over the growing discontent among France's "excluded" have also rung with the widespread protest by frustrated job seekers, who began occupying unemployment offices ree weeks ago.

They are demanding an end-of-year bonus of Fr3,000 (£300) and pressing Lionel

Paris honours pop and skiing

Paris: French pop singers Mireille Mathieu and Sylvie Vartan, along with World Cup ski champion Luc Alphand, were among those warded France's Legion of Honour marking the new year yesterday. The award, created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, is handed out by presidential decree. (AFP)

Jospin, the Prime Minister, to fulfil his election promise to provide new relief to the long-term unemployed. To provide such a bonus would cost M Jospin's Government a total of El billion, a sum he can ill afford to spend as he keeps a tight rein on the budget in order to qualify for European Economic and

Monetary Union.

"Martine Aubry [the Employment Minister] is offering an increase in welfare of Fr2 a day. It is an insult," said Laurent Guilloteau, a member of a solidarity group for the unemployed which has called for a national day of protest on January 16.

Protesters celebrated new year at the 14 unemployment offices they have occupied around the country. Earlier in the week, demonstrators in Marseilles, where unemployment is above the national



average, barricaded the railway lines delaying thousands of holiday travellers.

On New Year's Eve, 60 homeless people stormed the five-star Royal Monceau Hotel on the Champs Elysées. The manager offered them

the homeless threw the notes on the floor. The attempted occupation was broken up by the police amid scuffles. An occupation of Fouquets, one of the city's most famous restaurants, ended peacefully after the management promised to

welfare centre temporarily occupied by the homeless. In recent weeks, more than

a dozen cities have suffered transport strikes by drivers protesting against attacks on their colleagues in poor neighbourhoods of such normally calm cities as Rheims

and Orleans. As the stories of discord multiply, Le Monde warned the Government this week that it could be facing "an open revolt by society's sacrificial victims". Christian de Boissieu, a professor of economics at the Sorbonne.

agreed. "In France, the most

ones that start from the bottom. That is where it is most dangerous," he said, referring to the student uprisings of 1968 and the railway workers protests of 1995.

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American debt row threatens finances at UN

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A DEADLOCK between the European Union and the United States is threatening the financial future of the United Nations as it enters its new fiscal year.

America had demanded that its share of the UN's administrative budget be cut from 25 per cent to 22 per cent this year. But European na-tions refused even to discuss the reduction unless Washingion made good its billion dollar debt, to the world organisation, which it failed

The result is that the UN began its fiscal year yesterday facing a likely 3 per cent shortfall in its annual budget, with Washington's debt still unpaid. The cash crunch could mean eventually that UN salaries will go unpaid.

Some UN officials, mindful of the popular backlash against the Republican demi nated Congress after it closed down the US Government in a budget-cutting exercise in 1995, argue that the UN should dramatise its plight to the American people by shutting its doors temporarily for lack of funds. But Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-Gener-

al, opposes such theatries. The crisis was caused by the failure of the US Congress to approve a deal repaying about \$936 million (£560 mil-lion) of Washington's \$1.3 bil-lion debt to the UN in return for a reduction of its contribu-tions to the UN budget first to 22 per cent and then, by 2000.

to 20 per centi The deal collapsed when Curis Smith, a Republican congressman from New Jersey, inserted unrelated provision insisting that no US government money should be used to fund abortions overseas, wording unacceptable to the Clinton Administration.

President Clinton has promised to try to revive the ackage next month by passing a supplemental appropri-ation through Congress. But some Republican lawmakers are voicing doubts that it will ever be approved. In the meantime, the BU, which would have to make up much of the shortfall caused by any drop in American dues, has

dug in its heels.
The damaging stalemate comes as a blow to Mr Annan, who was elected with strong backing from Washington for his programme of UN reform. Mr Annan recently secured passage of a UN budget totalling \$2.53 billion over the next two years, a \$76 million dollar cut over the previous



Cook orging partners to follow weapons lead

Britain to press EU for code on arms exports

BY MICHAEL BINYON DEPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Covernment is preparing to press Labour's new moral foreign policy on its European partners with I to enforce an arms export code. In an early initiative of the British presidency. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, is to urge all EU members to follow Britain's lead in tightening criteria for arms exports and thus deny weapons to countries violating human or democratic rights.

Mr Cook has told campaigners that France, a strong competitor in arms exports, has agreed not to seek new markets in countries denied weapons by Britain. Officials in Brussels, however, were doubtful that either France or Belgium would pass up the opportunity in increase their arms sales.

by Oxfam, Safer World and non-governmental organisations for a tough EU code of conduct to prevent weapons going to repressive reg Mr Cook announced new regulations for exports in July, which will form the kernel of a European code to be negetiated over the next six months This would ban the sale of all arms that could be used for internal repression or aggres-sion on neighbouring states. All 15 EU member states

would have to agree a common system of legally binding end-use controls. This would ensure that arms were not exported to one country and then sent on to another with a poor human rights record.

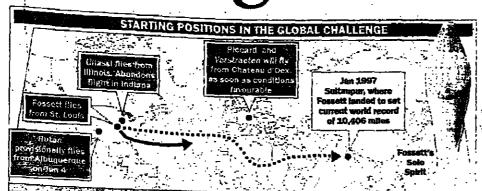
launch the publication in Brit-ain of a study by an American foundation of ways to prevent conflict. The Carnegie Commission report looks at the conflicts in Rwanda, Bostus and more than 40 other nations in the 1990s. A key finding is the key role of Western arms sold or smuggled to militants and insurgents.

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The great balloon race lifts off



US millionaire begins third solo endeavour

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

AN AMERICAN millionaire has begun his third attempt to become the first person to fly non-stop around the world in

a hot-air balloon. Steve Fossett lifted off from the Busch Stadium in St Louis. Missouri, at 5.04pm local time on Wednesday. At a brief press conference before his ascent, he forecast "a solid trajectory across the Atlantic towards Portugal", expecting

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to reach Europe tomorrow. Mr Fossett, whose project has cost \$350,000 (£210,000). said: "It's a very difficult challenge, but I have a reasonable chance. This is a dangerous endeavour, but I'm willing to take some risk to achieve it." He then climbed into his balloon. Solo Spirit, waved to the assembled throng, and lifted off.

He must hope for better luck than his rival, Kevin Uliassi. Taking off at 8.45pm on Wednesday from Rockford, Illinois. Mr Uliassi's attempt to circumnavigate the globe came to an abrupt halt only two hours and 15 minutes later, when a burst helium container on board his balloon caused him to abort his flight 100 miles south of Chicago.

The Solo Spirit telephone hotline reports, however, that Mr Fossett's systems "are at 100 per cent". He has chosen to fly at a consistent height of 20,000ft, and is travelling at 74 knots. In contrast to the more high-tech efforts of his various competitors. Mr Fossett is flying solo in an unpressurised capsule which will expose him to the rigours of

already holds the record for the longest uninterrupted flight by hot-air balloon. He set it a year ago this month when he flew 10,406 miles over six days, two hours and 44 minutes. On that attempt to fly around the world - his second -- he also became the first to fly solo in a balloon across the African continent.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the leader of Libya. denied Mr Fossett permission to fly over his country, forcing a lengthy detour. This wasted valuable fuel, and Mr Fossett had to abort his flight in a wheat field near Sultanpur, in the north Indian state of Uttar

On his new journey, Mr Fossett is expected to cross the Atlantic to Portugal, veer northeast to Britain, and then head southeast over Europe to Ukraine. He will then navigate east over Russia, Kazakhstan and China, then cross southern Japan. The track across the Pacific is northeast



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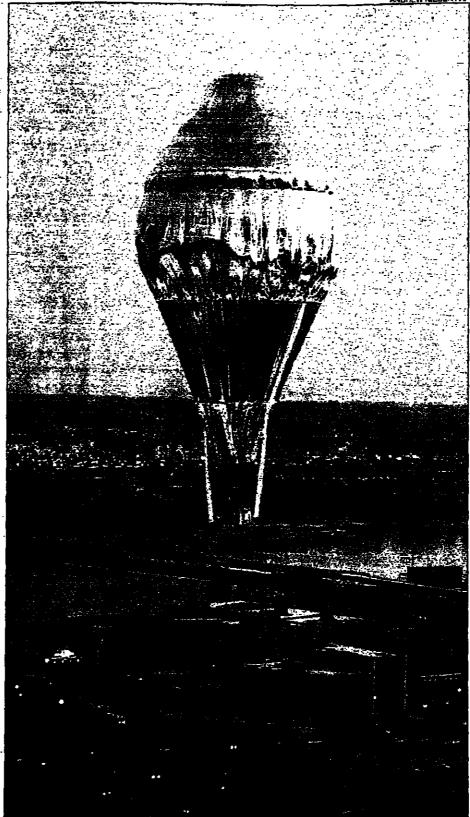
to British Columbia, and finally to a landing north of St Louis. An analysis of weather patterns has shown that there should be favourable conditions almost throughout the journey. Mr Fossett will survive on military-style MREs (meals ready to eat) with chemical heating pouches. His balloon has a bunk with a sleeping bag and he will use a bucket as a lavatory. This will be emptied over the side.

Balding, paunchy and 52, Mr Fossett has swum the English Channel, run the Boston Marathon, attempted to climb Mount Everest, driven a Porsche in the Le Mans and Daytona 24-hour races, taken part in the Paris-Dakar rally. and sailed a trimaran nonaround Britain and

As a somewhat effete boy, he was warned off sport in school, which instilled in him the lifelong need to prove himself physically. In a recent interview, he said: "People spend a lot of time watching sports, but I've set a priority of participating in them."

Later this month, the veter an American balloonists Dick Rutan and David Melton are expected to lift off from Albuquerque, New Mexico, in Global Hilton in their attempt to circumnavigate the

globe.
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Information Hotline for the Solo Spirit Around the World Balloon Flight, 00-1-314-935-0014, provides periodic updates on Mr Fossett's journey. The official Website is at



Steve Fossett's Solo Spirit heads over the Mississippi soon after lifting off from Busch Stadium in St Louis, Missouri, on his attempt to fly around the world

Swiss adventurer casts his spell on orbiting partner

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

TOP British engineering, experienced balloonists, a dynasty of adventurers and a dose of hypnotism form the backhone of the challenge by Breitling Orbiter 2, which is waiting for the right conditions to lift off from the Alps.

Bertrand Piccard and Wirn Verstraeten, Orbiter's crew, say that high-altitude jetstream winds are unlikely to turn in their favour before

Their flight last year ended in near-disaster after fumes from a paraffin leak in the gondola's heating system forced them to ditch in the Mediterranean within hours of take-off from Chateau d'Oex. The gondola has been redesigned by Andy Elson, a British flight engineer, to limit the impact of minor failures such as the faulty 5p washer that ruined their last attempt. The pressurised cabin recently underwent successful testing

Mr Elson, a record breaker in his own right with the first crossing of Mt Everest by balloon in 1991, is credited with the development of the special burners needed to fly at altitudes above 30,000ft.

contenders, the silver-coloured balloon will be swept along at speeds of up to 125mph by winds in the northern hemisphere. The flight plan aims for a spectacular take-off from the snow-covered valley at dawn. Orbiter will then head southeast towards Turkey and Alghanistan, cross the Gobi desert towards the Korean peninsula, the Pacific Ocean. the United States and return across the Atlantic.

The Swiss and Belgian pair have flown together across the Atlantic in a balloon before. Mr Piccard, a psychologist, used hypnotism to help his parmer sleep during the 112hour crossing. Mr Verstraeten has set several ballooning altitude records.

For the Swiss flier, it will also be a chance to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, Auguste Piccard, who invented the stratospheric halloon and pressurised cabin, setting an altitude record in 1931. His father is known for a record at the other end of the scale: Jacques Piccard set the world's deep-sea diving record in a bathyscaphe, another family invention, at a depth of 35.815ft in the Pacific Ocean



Bertrand Piccard, left, the Swiss balloonist, and his co-pilot, Wim Verstraeten, during final tests

Virgin boss wishes rival bon voyage

RICHARD BRANSON yesterday sent a message of good luck to Steve Fossett in his attempt to circumnavigate the world non-stop, but the Virgin chief warned his rival that he still expects to be the one to clinch the record.

A dislocated shoulder and a rather deflated hot-air balloon have not dampeued the spirits of Mr Branson. He is confident that Mr Fossett will not be able to cope with the long hours and

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dangers of a non-stop solo voyage. Together with his co-pilots Per Lindstrand and Rory McCarthy, Mr Branson is planning another attempt at the journey in the Virgin Global Challenger by January 18. Will Whitehorn, a spokesman for Mr

Branson, said: "Richard wishes him luck for his attempt but we still think we have the best technology to get around the world. He thinks that it is very

difficult to fly solo and manage to stay awake. There are so many things to deal

Mr Branson, who was humiliated when his balloon took off without him from Moroeco last month, still says he is confident he will be the first to get the record. "The Virgin balloon is being rebuilt," said Mr Whitehorn. "With little sleep and less control, we think Fossett won't be able to manage it."

Moi heads for easy victory in Kenya's chaotic elections FROM INIGO GILMORE IN NAIROBI

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PRESIDENT MOI was being

tipped for an early victory in Kenya's general election last night. However, results giving him a strong showing in key areas were condemned as rigged and flawed by opposition candidates.

With more than half the votes counted last night, the 73-year-old President had a lead of more than 200,000 votes, polling about 1.5 million to the 1.3 million for his nearest rival, Mwai Kibaki, with other candidates trailing far behind. The opposition continued to put on a brave face but many observers said

Mr Moi's victory was certain.
"We believe that we shall win the ongoing elections de-spite all odds," said Mr Kibaki and the two other leading candidates, Raila Odinga and Michael Wamalwa, in a joint statement read at a news conference. There had been speculation that the conference would announce that the opposition was uniting behind one candidate, but in the end little was said and now it is probably too late.

To secure an outright victory Mr Moi needs the highest number of votes and at least 25 per cent of the vote in five of the eight provinces. Results last night showed that he had secured three provinces and was making a strong showing

in key areas of the others. Britain has condemned the conduct of the chaotic elections and opposition leaders have said that an outright victory by Mr Moi would not be acceptable to the people and could precipitate violence. Mr Odinga and Mr Kibaki have

claimed that the Electoral Commission is controlled by the security forces which helped to rig the ballot. Opposition parties are threatening to take to the streets in protest.

The warnings of potential conflict come as tensions remain high in many counting centres where opposition supporters, already suspicious of long delays and confusion during two days of voting. doubted that the results would reflect their wish for change. Supporters of the ruling

Kanu party clashed with opposition party agents at a counting hall in Nairobi yesterday after presidential results were declared, showing that Mr Kibaki had received 500 more votes than Mr Moi. Kanu supporters hurled chairs and shouted angrily as riot police stood by.

The tension has been heightened by conflicting unofficial results from broadcasters and newspapers. The results have shown Mr Moi way ahead in his Rift Valley province, Kenya's most populous, with the opposition doing well in the Central province and western Kenya. The polls have been dogged

by irregularities, bribery and intimidation as well as by delays and confusion, prompting opposition candidates to suggest there can be no legitimacy for any government that emerges. But if, as expected, the final results show that Mr Moi has won himself another and final five-year term, the opposition will have to shoulder at least some of the blame after its failure to agree on a unity candidate.



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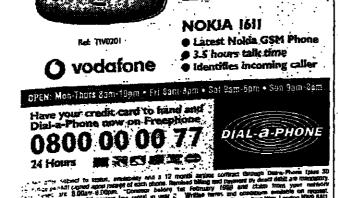
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A good foundation





'I added my normal dose of eyeliner and lipstick and turned into a geisha'

once had a friend called Violet who looked just like Dame Edith Suwell. Like the poet, Violet lived up to her pointy Gothic looks with verve, swishing around the chilly courtyards and gloomy alleys of the city where we lived wearing yards of ghostly lace and trailing black velvet. To her mother, however, Violet's appearance was a source of dismay. The mother, in youth, had looked like Doris Day, which was what she considered a woman should look like. She was always trying to get Violet to cheer up her look -cut her hair, have some highlights done and a root perm to give it body. And what about some blusher, or a nice French manicure? On Violet's 30th birthday her mother put her foot down. "Violet," she said. "Youth is not on your side. Art must

supply what nature no longer can."
What she had in mind was foundation what she had in mind was foundation—that beige glop, the wearing of which is a rite of passage into wannanhood. It is a substance with which I, like Violet, have never really got to grips. This is partly for practical reasons—I never managed to find a foundation that didn't come up a garish orange when applied to the greenish pallor that is, even in perfect health, my natural colouring. But also, I never quite conquered a vague feeling of distaste at the notion that, were I to fall into a chap's arms and press my face to his heart, I might be in danger of leaving

ms near, I might be in danger of leaving my complexion all over his waistcoat. So while I took enthosiastically to every other sort of make-up, and would sooner leave off my drawers than my lipstick, the only help my skin gets is a bit of transluscent powder. I love powder compacts; they are a perfect cross between a my and a ricce of insullery

a toy and a piece of jewellery.

Still, it is never too late to change one's look, and foundation technology has developed a good deal since my last experiments with orange goo. These days, foundations have high sun protection factors, to stop wrinkles from forming: and moisturisers, to treat the wrinkles that have already arrived; and light-diffusing particles, to distract attention from the wrinkles that are beyond help.

Nowadays they even make foundations for girls with green skin. So here, at long last, was my passport to womanhood, in the form of Este Lander's Enlighten in Liquid Pearl, with SPF 10. "Looks like nothing on. Covers like nothing on the bottle. "Shake. Glide on with fingertips." I shook Nothing happened. I shook harder. A splat of pale pink stuff shot out. I fielded it and glided, as instructed. Then I looked in the mirror.

The first surprise was that it was subtly, but unmistakably – glittery. The second was that my features had disappeared. I looked like a seal pup in a snowstorm — heady eyes peering anxiously out of a blank expanse of frosty white. I added my normal dose of eyeliner and libratish and turned into a calculus. and lipstick, and turned into a grisha extremely glam, but unearthly. You wouldn't want to go out in daylight looking like that. I rang a more sophisticated friend for advice. "Everything's disappeared," I complained. "No violet under-eye circles. No hollows under the cheekbones. I don't look like me." "Pre-risely." cald my friend. "The point of cisely," said my friend. "The point of foundation is to create a blank canvas."

So now, having got to this stage, I must paint in a new set of features, rather like those I have just blotted out, but better. And I must lay off the black eyeliner and bright lipstick unless I want to look like RuPaul plays Maria

An article in this month's Vogue explains the effect I should be aiming for:
"The distinction between natural mude and chic mide," it says sternly "[is] obvious. It's the difference between a cup of instant and a delicious cafe au lait. "It has to be said that for all my shading, sculpting and defining, my new maquil-lage, while reasonably chic, is anything but natural, and still, somehow, not quite me. Also, it takes 20 times longer to apply than a flick with a powder paff. But clearly, I am just at the beginning of a long process of learning. Pass the

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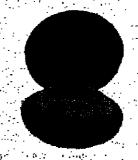


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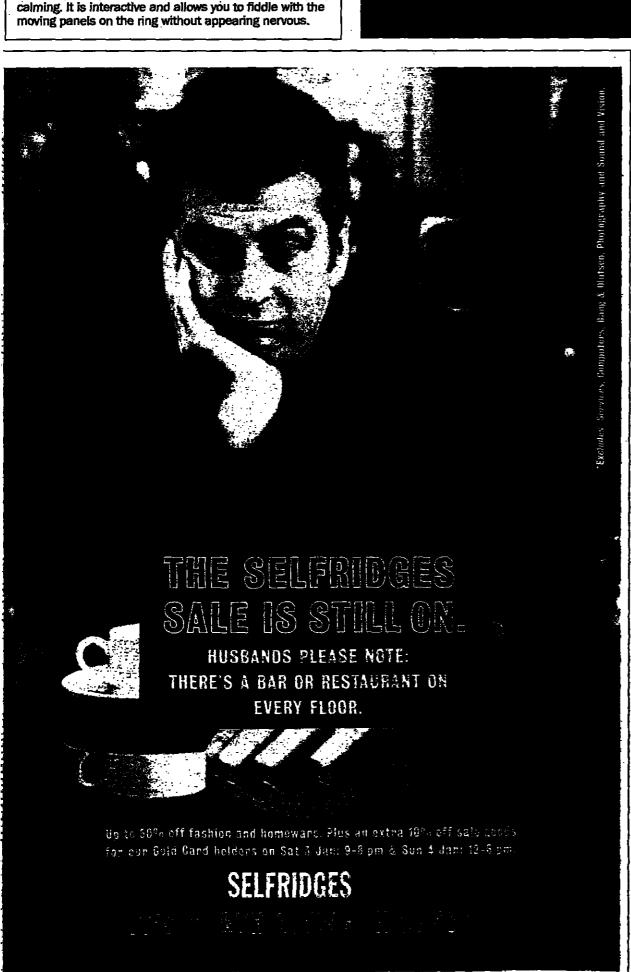
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Flashmans need not apply

Three generations of Wykehamists tell Harry Stourton why they support boarding. Bill Frost hears why one Rugby pupil does not



FENN CHAPMAN, the public schoolboy who ran away from Rugby School, in Warwickshire, and took a charter flight to Barbados to review his life, is now back with his family and resolved to resume an academic career. His highly publicised disappearance brought the teer instant celebrity and set Fleet

Street on his tail. The 16-year-old fled to the Caribbean in late November, having raised the fare by selling his stereo system and CD collection to friends, and returned in late December.

His mother, Christine, told The Times that the family had enjoyed Christmas at their home near likley. Yorkshire. Fenn is back and looking forward to life; he is tine after his time away and we are all very glad he has returned."

Mrs Chapman added that her son would "almost certainly" be returning to Rugby when the new term began and that the Chistmas and new year holiday had been great". Fenn was unavailable for comment.

In November he explained why he fled Rugby: "I'm just a teenager who needed to sort himself out - I don't think what I have done is

"I hope I haven't let anyone down. My parents might have felt let down, though Mum hadn't gone I would have let

"I wasn't getting on at sadism and absurdi Rugby I just didn't like it. I'm privileged disk atom. not saying it's Rugby in particular. I don't think I would send my children to public school

But it was more than that. I started thinking about my future: university, a job, buying a car, getting married, a mortgage and then dying. I thought there had to be something more than this and got away to think things through.

"GETTING out of the house at Rugby was the hardest part, but I worked out how to bypass the security system and left during the night."

He flew from Manchester to Barbados, where he was met by a beach artist he had befriended while on holiday during the summer.

"The first day was the hardest. I started to wonder what I was doing. But I phoned my parents and they

"I know what I want to do in life; I want to help people, perhaps in the field of psychology. I'm trying to sort out how to achieve that."







Above, 17-year-old Tom Radmore, who is in his final year at Winchester College. Top right, Guy Radmore, his grandfather, who left in 1937, and below, his father, Michael, who left in 1968

Flashman still casts a long shadow over the popular perception of Britain's public schools. For many, the villainous and bullying antihero of Tom Brown's Schooldays continues to typify the institutionalised sadism and absurdity of a

However, much has changed in the past century or so; the image of archaic insti-tutions riddled with homosexuality, cruelty, senseless rules and ludicrous traditions is at last being laid to rest. Currently 100,000 pupils are attending boarding schools, and the figure is rising all the time.

The boarding schools have been so dismayed by the endurance of what they see as an inaccurate and damaging view that they have clubbed together to form the Boarding is made up of 170 member outdated images of boarding and show the relevance of

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nothing wrong with that." His family are stalwarts of the system, with three generations having attended the school. The eldest male Radmore, now 77, left in 1937; his son Michael, 47, in 1968. Seventeen years old and in his final year is his son Tom.

Very much the product of a with his impeccable manners and upright carriage, says: The way of life in our day didn't do us any harm. What I learnt at Winchester enabled me to take 30 men to war and bring them out at Dunkirk

when I was only 19." From what his grandson tells him, Mr Radmore thinks school life now is too free, and more comparable with university. In my day it was a closed little society, and everyone was keen to conform. I only had two friends outside my house.

doors. Beating was less common, but fagging remained, with younger boys on call 14 hours a day. "Prefects would come into the hall and shout 'Sweat!': The last boy to reach him would have to carry out the bidding."

However, by the late 1960s more liberal attitudes were filtering through. "We became outrageously scruffy, pushing the boundaries with illegal suede shoes, kipper ties and

American button-down shirts. In deference to the times, the

strict routine was becoming less rigid, with the boys allowed to move freely inside an eight-mile radius of the school. Intimate relations with the opposite sex were less of a taboo. For many boys the first bygone-age, Guy Radmore, social contact with a girl of their age was at the house dance. Those were pretty tepid affairs with no booze and everyone rather shy," says

And homosexuality? "There were certainly a few guys who were said to be that way, and a couple were very efferninate. I

never came across it myself." Like his father, Michael went straight from Winchester into the Army and has no doubts about the benefits of a public-school education. "It encouraged self-reliance and individuality, to be considerate and aware of other people.

If pupils are away from their terminals, the tutors can contact them on pagers. Every other boy has one. "If you're out of contact - say away playing in a match - and a friend or housemaster needs to contact you urgently, he can."
Today Winchester has the

cosiest of relationships with St Swithun's As well as cohosting dinners and dances where those participating are entitled to three or four glasses of wine, many plays and concerts are a joint effort. Interaction is encouraged, and Tom has a steady girlfriend there whom he often meets in

town for a meal or the cinema. Winchester College boys are prepared early for the pitfalls of modern living, he says. "The teachers take you through the perils of drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll in a series condom and about the dangers of LSD and other drugs." Tom's grandfather remembers his parents visiting the school only on a handful of occasions, and even then his mother was forbidden to enter his house. These days there are regular meetings.

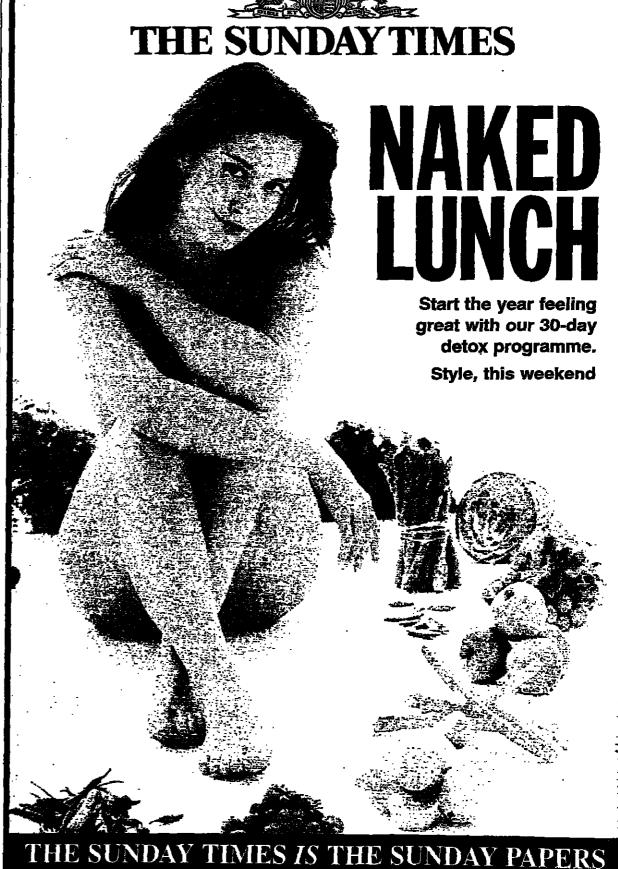
Homosexuality? You occasionally hear rumours, but

They tell you what to do with a And drugs? "It is not widespread, but like anywhere else, it does happen. Guys do get busted occasionally and they are usually straight out, no questions asked. But the worst thing you can do for the reputation of your house is to have bullying. Inevitably you get some verbal, but you get

that anywhere." Tom's final preparation for of classes in your second year. nothing serious," says Tom. life outside seems more than ably have a drink."

strange to his father and grandfather - authorised evening visits to the pub. Providing the pupil is 18 and has informed his housemaster. permission is readily granted. But what if you want to take a friend who is 17? Then he says he's coming along for a meal. and there is a bit of nudgenudge, wink-wink, housemaster knows he'll prob-





The

Alan Coren



■ Place your hand upon this Jeffrey Archer and convert slowly after me

had been curled up here for some time in this corner of my terminally Yuled living-room, trembling fitfully, like an ineptly nesting dormouse, among the uncleared mounds of wrapping paper, cracker shards, busted tree-balls, nutshells, needles, mounds because stale gnawed bones, bottles, torn crowns, stale pies, buckled squeakers and all the other post-festive detritus, and I had been racking the throbbing remnants of my brain, on the last day of 1997, in an effort to come up with something to offer my readers which might just put a spring in their step for the beginning of 1998, when the tree fell over lecture my leg went suddenly to sleep — a boon which had managed to elude the rest of my body for most of the previous week - and, in straightening it to alleviate the numbness, my foot came up against the tree-light wire, and, even before the fairy had hit the floor, the idea for this column came to me.

I knew what I would offer my readers for 1998. I would offer them the chance to get out of Christmas for good. I would offer them a brief rundown, based on my wide knowledge of comparative religion, on a few other faiths to which they might sensibly convert, to

Judaism has considerable appeal. The soup is good, and you can keep your hat on indoors, thereby enjoying a substantial saving on fuel costs. Also, books are read back to front, which means that you do not have to plough through the whole of the new Jeffrey Archer to find out what happens. The main drawbacks to Judaism are that you will be expected to forgo lobster thermidor, tell at least three new jokes a week, and support Tottenham Hotspur.

Islam may suit you even bener than Judaism, in that if you don't want to read the new Jeffrey Archer at all, you can not only burn it, you can apply to have him shot. Furthermore, you will be in a position to take advantage of whatever you think polygamy may have to offer, although I should not advise this for anyone who has difficulty remembering anniversaries. The main drawback to Islam is that you are required to take your shoes off when entering a mosque. If it is a big mosque, it may take you all day to find them again.

B addhism is unquestionably the reli-gion to go for if you are bald. Nobody will ever know. You can also spend the entire day walking up and down Oxford Street without having to buy anything. Moreover, the principle of reincarnation is very attractive. You could come back with a full head of hair, or, with even better luck, as the Sultan of Brunei or Bill Gates. But then again, you could come back as Jeffrey

Hinduism, likewise, has both major pros wife, which will save you a small fortune in flowers, perfume, chocolates and jewellery, but you have to stay open until midnight, all week, because you can never tell when a non-Hindu might want to come in and buy flowers, perfume, chocolates and jewellery. You may also have to stock the new Jeffrey Archer, if it looks like being a goer.

Shinto will save you a packet on furniture and crockery. You sit on a tiny mat and eat from a tiny bowl. Your wife sits behind a screen, with your other robe, and will run out with it, silently, if you spill anything from the tiny bowl. The main drawback with Shinto is that, if things don't work out, you will be expected to disembowel yourself. However, since you do not own a bookshelf, nobody will ever give you the new Jeffrey Archer.

So there you are. Bags of choice. And remember, should you prefer to remain Christian after all but want to take no further part in the festive hokum, that the Mormons are always on the lookout for new recruits. They are a nice crowd, but there is one drawback; you will have to spend Christmas going from door to door in a smart blue suit with a permanent grin on your face, telling everyone you meet about this wonderful book of yours. You will thus run the constant risk of being mistaken for Jeffrey Archer.

Philip Howard's column will appear



The great llama roundup

I was upstairs sleeping soundly in Derbyshire. Through my dreams came a doorknock. I staggered to the window. At the door beneath was a stranger. "What is it?" I shouted. Your llamas are out. They're on the

He was driving away before I had time to ask which road. Dazed, I pulled some clothes on randomly. "The flamas are out," I called outside my friend's bedroom door.

"What?" she groaned.
"Escaped. Gone. On the road. Quick, dress, we must find them."

The llamas are recent arrivals. Some days before, Liesley and Imp had been introduced to the paddock whose walls and fences were supposed to be boundaries to their new life. But, as Anne Atkins has discovered, adolescent girls crave adventure. Their gate, which I had left shut but unsecured, was ajar. They had seemed so content in their pasture, so friendly, so unwaveringly interested in the next handful of delicious goatmixture, that it had not occurred to me they might wish to roam.

drive, where the little metalled road passes my gate. My friend (who hates to be named in newspapers) was crashing around in the barn fetching halter-ropes and goat-mixture. I stood impatient at the gate - the worst lears flashing through my imagination. Might they have munched a sprig of deadly yew tree as they passed? Which way had they gone, left or right? There are so many blind corners on the lanes, people drive so fast, and these llamas know nothing about traffic and are ignorant of the Highway Code . . . it was too dreadful to contemplate. The last thing a driver expects, flying round a bend at dawn on a December morning in Derbyshire is

llamas on the road. The five minutes before my friend arrived seemed an eternity. She took the car and drove off to the right. I turned left and ran down the hill, bellowing "Llesley! Imp!" Several startled sheep looked up from their grazing. Their expressions declared: "Well, if you will keep llamas, for heaven's sake! Try sheep next time. We're less adventurous. cheaper and British. Those girls are probably looking for Chile."

I ran about a mile, calling. By now I could see the whole hillside - no llamas - and my friend driving back towards me. She had gone two miles the other way. No llamas there, either. "Why don't we make a circuit," she said, "around to

My two refugees from the Andes go sightseeing in the Peaks — and I earn an

even greater reputation for eccentricity

Youlgreave, then back in a loop. We furrowed brow bore a fancy seeing you might meet them coming the other way towards Youlgreave.

She and I drove slowly round the ianes, shouting "Llesiey! Imp!" from the car windows. Our behaviour seemed to surprise those we encountered. The problem being that if one stopped to explain, this did not lessen the surprise. I was unshaven, distinctly desoignée and had pulled on the nearest torn vest. I wore wellington boots. My friend, who has an Italian accent, looked equally distrait. Have you tried drawing up beside isolated pedestrians at 8 o'clock on an English Sunday morning, wind-

ing down your window and inquiring, with your hair standing on end, and in an Italian any chance see a couple of llamas on the road? You would be amused by

Did two llamas pass this way?" my friend asked one lady, walking her dog.
"No," (pause) "I think I would have

"Have you seen our llamas?" I asked a farmer's son, who had pulled his tractor

"No," he replied; then, perhaps fearing this sounded curt, "how big are they?" I stuck an arm out to indicate height. "No," he said. "Definitely not."

I suspect he then panicked at the sight of the pair of us, wild-eyed and partially. dressed. Terrified we might be about to give him our phone number, he called from his departing tractor: "I'll, er. drop you a line if I see them." in Youlgreave, there was not a soul

about. We turned into the lane which leads back past my house and began the disconsolate journey home. Had my liamas been rustled? Is there much lama-rustling in Derbyshire? "Look!" shouted my friend, "over

Just inside a farm gate, in a grassy field, grazing peacefully, both girls lifted their ears in interrogative fashion like furry antennae, as llamas do. Llesley's here!" expression. We walked towards them. They minced towards us. A llama is incapable

of remorse. Their faces said: "Is it time to go home now? What fun we've had! How do you like our new field? They had walked two miles and chosen the first open gate. Liesley, the more communicative of the pair, hummed, as llamas do. Imp kept her distance.

They would not accept their halter-

ropes. Both approached teritatively for goat-mixture, then shied away as we tried to clip rope to halter. They were exhibarated by their adventure. Llama drama is unusual in

> and they were savouring their hour of free-But they really did want to come home.

their ruminative lives.

Though unwilling to he led, their instinct was to follow So I trotted on ahead, my gumboots clump-ing up the lane; the llamas trotted-behind; and my friend brought up the rear in the car, tooting politely when the girls decided to investigate patches of weeds by the roadside. We must have looked an amusing caravan.

As we passed along the lane I prayed we were not observed. There is a danger I shall come to be regarded locally as mad. My mind went back to an unfortunate incident some time ago, when I was away in South America and friends asked to use my house for a week's holiday. They decided to organise one of those "murder-hunt weekends" where the party game goes on for days

They decided to play it in drag. The men dressed as girls, the women as men. Apparently things had gone quite wild on Saturday evening, and spilled over into the surrounding fields, where a suspect was being sought. One of my friends, in full evening gown, had got his stiletto stuck in the bog just below the spring from which we draw our water. Because, years ago, my name was once found on an IRA hit-list, the

Derbyshire constabulary is kind enough to keep an eye on my property, and occasionally pop in to see all is well. They chose this moment to make one of their calls. According to one of the frolickers — caught in mascura at midnight in the headlights of a patrol car, his lipstick smeared and frock muddy, waving a high heeled shoe in-one hand, his other shoe and foot stuck fast in the mud - the faces of the two constables suggested something close to panic. They asked if everything was OK," he told me, "and we said just fine." and they drove off. Rather fast."

"Did you explain that I was in South America? Yes, but they didn't seem to be taking

Ever since a former Chief Inspector told me about (and named) one of my constituents found tied to a bed at coffee break time in the morning, a male friend who was not her husband, dressed in a rubber Spiderman's outlit, unconscious on the floor with a broken ankle, having leapt from the top of the wardrobe and missed the bed, I have cherished few illusions about confidentiality within the county constabulary. So I had no great hopes of the drag party story remaining between the four walls of the Bakewell police station, and no hope at all that

America at the time. And now this. As I trotted along the lane, two llamas mincing behind and an Italian lady in a dilapidated old VW Golf. tooting her horn, it did strike me that an unfair picture of this columnist could be beginning to form in local minds.

anybody new remembers I was in South

lesley, Imp. my friend and I, reached home: I breathless, the liamas as fresh as daisies. Imp minced straight into their home field: Llesley - before I could stop her mibbled a quick spray of yew (no illeffects) in passing. We closed the gate. Imp placed her nose under the bar, then lifted the gate up and forward, demonstrating how the break-out had been

Three hours later I was at a pre-hinch danks party near another village. "I hear your llamas were out," said our host. "What's this about your llamas escaping?" said someone who lives on the other side of the county. "I hear your llargas were out," said a Ba solicitor friend. He is married to a detective in the Derbyshire constab-

So, reader, you might as well know too. My llamas were out.

Bonfire of the certainties

John Lloyd asks where the EU

is taking us

Two sugs are being unchained in our political cosmos and we. together with new Labour, which is the imbooker of these chains, must five through the consequences. These are likely to be dizzying but in the messages we have lobbed at our pol-

iticians, we ourselves have been pro-granters of the moves and we should at

least recognise what we have done.

The first, and most unequivocal, is the death of the socialist project within the Labour Party. The claim of conscience of Ken Coates and Hugh Kerr, the Labour members of the European Parliament who told The Observer at the beginning of this week that they could no longer live easy within new Labour, was poignant in its recognition that nothing - nothing - of what they had come into politics to achieve was to be discerned in

They had come into politics to achieve socialism. That has not been on offer for some little while now; but at least there was a fight left on how much water should be added to the milk. Now the

milk has all been spilled. The second and less explicit move has been the challenge to parliamentary supremacy. The Scottish Parliament-to-be is the challenger here. The powers it takes is itself as its practice unfolds will answer the question of whether it will permanently chafe over its subordinate status to Westminster and in the end vote against it, or work successfully as a genuinely autonomous and representative locus of power.

The first precipitates crisis. The second suggests a larger project of the devolution of power within England. The fixed relationship between the sun of the Crown-in-Parliament and the Earth of the electorate is now in deep

The European Union could be a solvent for these clotted issues. As Britain today enters the first full day of its presidency of the EU, our country's role may be a critical one. Not in the vainglorious sense that new Labour has proposed: we cannot lead Europe, we have little credibility as a leader. But if our Government cannot lead Europe into a realisation of British virtues of into a realisation of British virtues of dynamism, flexibility and open-mindedness, it might lead British into a necognition that the European project is not a Kafkaesque bureaucracy from which there is no escape.

Europe offers to staunch the pain of the death of socialism by letting business be the border-free, monetarily stable, simple critrency regime it wishes, in

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single-currency regime it wishes, in exchange for a preservation of systems of social justice. Business — polls show - seems to like Union more and more. If business wants Union so much, argue the social and Christian democrats of Europe, it should be prepared to ensure that welfare gains are not threatened globalisation permitting, of course.

Europe also offers a route out of the struggle between the old capitals and their ambitious regions, by proposing a capture of some of the capitals micro-economic power by EU institutions and devolution of much of the micromanagement of the economy and society to regional centres or lower. If this is indeed the flow, we have a chance of resolving the festering problem of our constitution in a wider arena.

ut vast contradictions loom, Samong which one in particular casts a long shadow. As the report of the Royal Institute of International Affairs Commission on Britain and Europe (published just before Christmas) puts it, the imperative of ensuring EMU's success means that a variety of economic and political functions could be centralised fairly quickly.

"Opposing this lie questions of legitimacy and diversity, increased by EU enlargement."

In his recent collection of essays, The New Reckoning, the political scientist David Marquand wrote that member governments ... would be blamed or praised in a monetary union unless it had an unidentifiable quality which could be blamed or praised instead . . monetary union requires political union."

The essay was written 15 years ago. As Marquand remarks, little has changed in the intervening period.

Legitimatey is not just a British coacera, though we have expressed it most forcefully. The tortured debates at the Amsterdam Heads of Government Conference showed that Germany and France both now balk at some ceding, at least, of national sovereignty. People have given some sort of assent to national parliaments, but as yet too little

to a European one.
Britain has no better way out of this contradiction than anyone else. But it may be able to turn its innate scepticism of integration to some good use. In our quest to find a "third way which is neither socialism not the untrammelled market; in our grouping for centres of authority other than Westminster, we may be able to provide a template for the emergence of political structures which can absorb the tensions of monetary

"The real question," Marquard writes in another essay, "is how much diversity an emerging political union can stand without dissolving into its constituent paris." This Government has made it plain that it does not wish the EU to dissolve. It is thus stuck with seeing a political union emerge to balance a paonetary one. The Marquand question

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will besit us into the next millernium. The author is associate editor of the New Statesman

Poison pen

always generous in their evaluation of others. So friends of the late National Trust grandee may be alarmed to learn that just before his death on Sunday, he lodged his final batch of diaries with his publisher. His scabrous observations, penned either side of the war, noted, for instance, that Colonel Pemberton was "a fiendish old imbecile", Cyril Connolly was "lumpish, bad-mannered and as bored with me as I was

with him", while Evelyn Waugh was "the nastiest-tempered man in England". He was, to be blunt, a snob. Of class distinctions, he wrote: "I love them and hope they endure for ever." The volumes started appearing

in the 1970s, and the last instalment will cover the angry reaction to his scribblings. But I gather that this time, as a sep to the offended, he doctored the manuscript to remove a few of the more strident passages. "It may have had some doctoring, I wen't say castration." says his old friend John Saumarez Smith, the respected bibliophile. "He became more cautious in later life, having experienced the reactions of people such as Lady Dashwood to his earlier diaries." Friends at Brooks's, where he was a member for 60 of his 89 years. will read the diaries with cautious interest - be often regaled club regulars with anecdotes, including the time he saw Elgar pick up the

phone to talk to his dogs.



Lees-Milne; Waugh

◆ SIR Michael Gambon. freshly knighted, reportedly has robust views on the age of some of his audiences. Sir Richard Eyre tells a charming tale about what he calls the biggest failure of his time at the National Theatre — his rather grey clientele. Gambon, the star of Eyre's production of Skylight, apparently said he wanted to walk to the front of the stage and tell the audience that the play did not apply to them because they did not have sex any more. Eyre adds: "[would stand at the back ... and



ence with a full head of hair."

ideal gnome

AN UNKIND joke, possibly being told by Gordon Brown at his new year celebrations (but told to me by a former Tory minister). Snow White, Tom Thumb and Quasimodo fall into conversation. "I suppose I am the most beautiful person in the world," says Snow White. "Yes, and I must be the smallest," adds Tom. "And I," concludes Quasimodo, "must be the ugliest." Snow White suggests that the trio trip down to Guinness Book of Records HQ for confirmation. After doing so, she emerges beaming. It's official I am the most beautiful girl in the world," Tom Thumb follows. "I am the smallest, it's confirmed." Quasimodo emerges looking sad and

cross: "Who is this Robin Cook bloke, anyway?" How cruel.

DRINKERS at the Pinner pub where Elton John began kis plonking 30 years ago are indifferent to his elevation. One Eddie Edwards remembers playing darts while Elson tinkled the ivories: We told him to shut up - only

Sean whose?

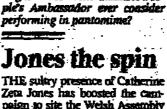
THERE are shades of J.R. Hartleyin the approach of Sean Hughesa comedian, apparently - who



"Se far, se good."

 AMBASSADORS were not like this in Lord Palmerston's day. Our man in Lisbon, Roger Westbrook, unveiled designs for the UK pavilion at the Expo B trade fair recently and gave this pledge: "We are going to dightly lift the hem of our dress, show our knees and perhaps a flash of thighs." Would the entitable Peo-

to send round some copies.



Jones the spin THE sultry presence of Catherine

Zeta Jones has boosted the campaign to site the Welsh Assembly in Swansea. The Darling Buds of May flower has a challenging role — charming the mysterious Ren Davies into choosing her home



town över eager suitors from Cardiff. Alan Williams, the Swanter West MP, is coaching her in the act of political persuasion: "She is a Swansea girl who has been sup-portive of her home city." She made her debut at the Swansea Guildhall, where she told local dignitaries: "It would be a wonder ful boost for Swansea if the Assembly were to came here." Before she

could expound on the technicali-

ties of devolution, though, she was whisked away to the States for a well-deserved skring holiday. JASPER GERARD

Inconsistencies in

From the Director of Finance for the

National Society for the Prevention of

Sir. We welcome the Government's

forthcoming review of charity taxa-

tion and hope that it will do something

to redress the injustice and incoher-

ence in the present system (letters, December 19).
It is unfair that charities are

charged VAT on the resources we

need to provide welfare and educa-

tional services when local authorities

are not. The NSPCC is not asking for

any special favours. In our submis-

sion to Gordon Brown we argued that

to allow charities like us to compete

fairly against local authorities to pro-

vide services we should also be

charged a notional zero rate of VAT for these services. This would be pre-

ferable to treating charities as excep-

tional and asking for grants to reim-

burse the amount of irrecoverable

of fairness should be applied to the

thorny issue of charity shops. The

time has come to accept that charity

shops have developed far beyond their

original concept of an outlet, often

temporary, for the sale of donated goods. Small high street businesses

have reason for complaint if perma-

nent gift shops, selling new purchased

goods, are trading in direct com-

We propose that rates relief should

be given only to shops that operate as

true charity shops, dealing primarily

in donated or second-hand goods and

those unique to the charity concerned.

Rates relief for genuinely charitable

premises should not be jeopardised by

By working with the voluntary sec-

tor we hope the Government will find

a way to end these inconsistencies.

shops competing unfairly.

Yours faithfully.

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EDGE OF TERROR

A time for brave leadership by Ulster's constitutional parties

This year was supposed to be the one in what the IRA is thinking. Equally, there will which Northern Ireland's peace train reached its destination. After the terrorist attack in north Belfast on New Year's Eve a settlement looks as distant as ever. The attack on the Clifton Tavern was another instalment of the Loyalist Volunteer Force's bloody revenge for the killing of their leader Billy Wright in the Maze prison at the weekend. Horrific in itself, the atrocity casts a black shadow on this new year.

Even before the killing there had been restive mutterings from within the ranks of those loyalists still observing an uneasy peace. They had already planned to review their ceasefire this weekend and one of their spokesman had put the chances of a return to bloodshed at 50-50. Their trigger fingers had grown itchy at frustration with a peace process which they believe has been driven by republican demands. But any resumption of full-scale violence on their part will only play into the bloodiest republican hands.

It was in the full knowledge of the loyalists mood that the INLA murdered Wright. The killers are unlikely to have embarked on their assassination without, at the very least, the tacit approval of IRA warlords. For many republicans a loyalist backlash would provide a pretext for their own dark ends. A significant faction within the IRA Army Council and many republican volunteers on the ground believe that their aims can be decisively advanced only by return to the long war. By their logic, loyalist killings provide them with a justification for unsheathing their Armalites. The IRA has suffered in the past when it has been seen to fail in its self-appointed duty to "protect" nationalist areas.

The escalation in loyalist violence is pushing the IRA, and Northern Ireland, to the brink of the abyss. Only yesterday, the senior Sinn Fein negotiator, Gerry Kelly, claimed that the peace process was "shattered". Few are in a better position to know better way.

be those within loyalist ranks who have made the hideous calculation that war-war is preferable to a process of jaw-jaw which they see as leading to the irresistible detachment of Ulster from the rest of the United Kingdom. These irreconcilables have always tended to look on the talks through telescopic sights, but their analysis that the peace process is immical to Unionist interests has

spread beyond their ghettos. The Government, and in particular the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, must accept some of the responsibility for distillusionment with the peace process among the wider pro-union majority. For long weeks now, respectable Unionist politi-cians have been articulating the pessimism first voiced by the parties which represent former loyalist paramilitaries. Some from those quarters have cried wolf before, but the killer's snarl is now audible to all.

A responsibility to try to avert further bloodshed rests with the Government. The reassertion of authority and political will by Dr Mowlam is needed to help to reassure the province's peaceable majority. The leaders of Ulster's constitutional parties also, however, have a part to play. They will not want to leave a vacuum in the province to be filled by blood. If they do not show how politics can provide Northern Ireland with hope then Ulster's narrow ground will be polluted by further violence.

Evidence now of brave thinking by the leaders of the SDLP and UUP, with an agreement satisfactory to both which can be seen to safeguard the interests of the majority of unionists and nationalists, could perhaps avert the slide back to mayhem. It may be too much to hope for, but this is not a time for false caution. John Hume and David Trimble can never hope to forestall those determined on violence but they can, at this dark hour, still assert that there is a

MEAN STREETS

A French disease curable only by radical surgery

France has started the new year with a bang, perous city which has developed a culture of not of celebration but of street riots. From Saint-Denis outside Paris to Mulhouse in the outbreak for several years and could, east. France's 3.1 million unemployed — too according to the police, have been controlled many of whom have never had a job - have taken to the streets, occuping unemployment What began a few weeks ago as unrelated incidents are now being co-ordinated by the Communist-led CGT union and other leftist groups, who plan further national protests next week.

For the Government of Lionel Josoin. whose socialist-green-Communist coalition has led what seemed to be a charmed life since it was elected last June, these protests would be worrying enough in themselves. But at least their cause and effect are easily linked; dole queues in France have been lengthening for 22 years now, in good times as well as bad, mocking the pledges of successive governments to make jobs their absolute priority. With the French economy picking up, the numbers have at last begun to shrink, but too slowly to make a perceptible difference. The longer people are unemployed the lower their benefits — and the poorer their job prospects. The wonder is

that despair has been so long suppressed. The New Year's Eve riots in Strasbourg, however, point to social tensions of a different and still more intractable order for the gangs that overwhelmed hundreds of France's tough riot police to burn vehicles and wreck 32 bus shelters and other public buildings, including schools, were schoolage, mostly children between 12 and 16 and some as young as ten. Strasbourg is a and cautious liberalisation; but at some sociologist's conundrum, a relatively prospoint, he was bound to hit his first post.

youth violence; but this was the worst only by imposing a blanket curfew.

Violence on public transport, in schools offices and hurling stones and Molotov and above all in no hope suburbs now ranks chief anxieties. President Chirac's new year address spoke grimly of disorder spinning out of control, where "every day new limits are broken beyond which our society will disintegrate". The prospect of dramatic gains for the extreme right-wing Front National in regional elections this March is on every politician's mind.

M Chirac exaggerates. France is neither an economic nor a social basket case. Some of its companies are world-class, its exports are booming, its per capita GNP is higher than Britain's and its public services, though too heavily subsidised, are a source of national pride. The country has just experienced an unexpectedly tranquil autumn, a tribute to M Jospin's ability to project an image of probity and personal modesty while breaking most of his wilder campaign promises. That calm has been deceptive.

M Jospin is a socialist in the pre-1980s mould who insists that his countrymen will not stand for le libéralisme sauvage, that the State must cushion its citizens against raw capitalism. But the laws of economics cannot be revoked by political fiat. France urgently needs to deregulate the labour market, curb state intervention and cut the enterprisestifling burden of taxation. M Jospin has attempted a deft slalom between socialism

KINSEY'S WAY

The prophet without honour of postwar sexual liberation

adopt, science is one of the most effective. Shielded by the carapace of hard data, all manner of daring, revolutionary things may be said. Nobody, perhaps, has so shamelessly exploited the opportunities as did Professor Alfred Kinsey, whose Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male was published 50 years ago. His statistics helped to usher in

an age of sexual liberation which seems as distant in this post-Aids world as it must have looked from a Forties laboratory.

To the outside world, Kinsey was a simple scientist in pursuit of the truth. Reporters commented on his determination, but also on his humour and his happy family life. A master of manipulation, he flattered academics into treating his book as a serious contribution to the medical literature even as he was orchestrating the popu-

lar press into turning it into a massive best-seller. "Dr Kinsey has few conventional vices" People magazine gushed. "The professor does not swear and

he does not smoke." They knew nothing, of course, of his unconventional vices. Kinsey was a voyeur, a masochist, a homosexual who trawled a massive and an employer who undertaken by angels. The pity is that a public lavalation and complete with improved with him. Whole sections in his book lasting result.

Among the disguises the social critic may derived from the experiences of a pederast who had managed to avoid detection and imprisonment Kinsey's devoted wife was encouraged to have an affair with a young staff member. All this might not have mattered so much had his science been better. But his claim truly to have uncovered the sexual habits of 20th-century Americans was vitiated by his disregard for proper

sampling methods. He was simply too interested in bizarre or extreme sexual behaviour to resist the temptation to seek out its practitioners.

The truth, as James H. Jones's masterly biography of Kinsey makes clear, is that Kinsey was not so much a scientist as a campaigner for greater sexual liberation who used science as his chosen vehicle. Seen in this light, he becomes a more attractive person: driven by demons, certainly, but with a strong-

ly-felt purpose. By proclaiming the diversity of human sexual experience, he sought to bring within the pale homosex-

uals and other despised minorities. It takes a special kind of person to immerse himself in other people's sex lives. If light is to be shed in dark places, it is unreasonable to expect the task to be

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Devolution 'bad for British nation

From Mr Alistair B. Cooke

Sir. Vernon Bogdanor ("The more we are together", December 22) makes devolution seem wholly unattractive, but nevertheless commends it on the ground that "Britain is by far the most centralised state in Western Europe" (more centralised than France?).

If excessive centralisation is the problem, why not concentrate on rebuilding local government as the Tories started to do in Scotland, without, as usual, managing to claim the credit for it?

No one has ever been able to demonstrate that people in England feel affinity with particular, clearly defined regions. Would those living in Oxford feel that government had improved and moved closer to them if decisions were taken by a South East regional body, one of nine proposed by Labour before the election? It is surely far better to work on the assumption that people identify with their local communities and with their country as a whole.

We will have devolution because Labour politicians, powerfully fortified by the memory of John Smith, have embraced it in the belief that no other way exists of dealing with opinion in Scotland. They will make a case for it in terms of improved government, but that case will never carry

complete conviction. If the so-called "peace process" in Northern Ireland collapses the Government's only realistic alternative policy there will be local government along power-sharing lines. For those who believe that devolution inevitably weakens the United Kingdom that prospect provides us with some hope in an otherwise bleak political season.

Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR B. COOKE. Flat 1,

68 St George's Square, SWIV 3QT. December 24.

From Mr Jonathan Caine

Sir, Vernon Bogdanor is quite wrong to claim that "Northern Ireland had sought devolution to preserve the union with Britain". Until 1920 virtually all Unionists had vigorously resisted all attempts to impose devolution — or home rule — for any part of Ireland. Their aim, then as now, was to be governed on the basis of equal citizenship, from Westminster as an integral part of the United

Only in the context of the settlement contained in the 1920 Government of Ireland Act did they reluctantly accept their own devolved Parliament - a concession which James Craig, the first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, described as "the supreme sacrifice". It was not for a number of years that Unionists came to regard their own Parliament as a bulwark for the Union.

Professor Bogdanor is on stronger ground when he points out the problems Westminster will face in exercising its sovereign authority (though the Heath Government managed to prorogue Stormont in a day). The existence of Stormont effectively cut off Northern Ireland from playing any meaningful role in the government and politics of the United Kingdom for half a century.

Westminster politicians, content to let Stormant get on with it, understood little, and cared even less, about Northem Ireland's problems. This was to have disastrous consequences when Westminster was forced to become involved once again in 1969.

It is too early to predict the course of events in Scotland — and one should be wary of making too many direct comparisons with Ulster. The fact remains, however, that the one precedent for devolved government in the United Kingdom hardly encourages optimism. Rather it reinforces the view that devolution will ultimately be bad for Scotland and bad for the British nation as a whole.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN CAINE (Special adviser to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 1991-95). Friends of the Union, PO Box 1261, London SW3 4JF. December 29.

Naming names

From Mrs Sue Keane Sir, Today, the country is divided into two categories - the media, who know the name of the Cabinet min-

ister (letters, December 29, January 1), and the rest of us, who don't and don't want to, Perhaps you would all be kind enough to leave us in peace and allow the law to run its course. Yours faithfully.

SUE KEANE, 84 Carlisle Mansions. Cartisle Place, SWIP 1HZ. January 1.

Legislation for life

From the Reverend Brian T. Sturtridge Sir, If life is "a sexually transmitted

terminal disease" [letter. December 29; see also letter. December 30j then death is a divinely given eternal

BRIAN T. STURTRIDGE. The Parsonage, 3 Parsonage Street, Dursley, Gloucestershire GL11 4BJ. pianorev@btinternet.com December 29.

Measures to tax cars off the road

From Mr David Sawers

Sir, I cannot agree with the headline, "Charges fail to price drivers off the roads", to your report of December 29 on the trial traffic scheme in Leicester. A reduction of "only" 15 per cent in commuter journeys for a £3 charge is not unexpected and would produce a noticeable reduction in congestion.

All the evidence shows that drivers are reluctant to abandon their cars because they find the car so convenient a means of travel, and that high charges are required if the growth of car traffic is to be curbed. If that is the end which the Government and local authorities want, they must will the

means. Motorists will never happily abandon their cars for buses or bicycles, and politicians should not persuade themselves otherwise. Public transport can never match the convenience of the car for most short journeys. Attitudes to the car can only be changed if the cost of using a car is greatly increased, whether by raising the price of fuel, charging tolls, or increasing the cost of parking. Unpopularity among motorists is the inevitable price of success.

Politicians could mitigate this unpopularity by using the extra revenue from motorists to reduce other taxes. such as VAT or council tax.

Yours faithfully. DAVID SAWERS (Director of Economics, Department of Transport, 1976-83). Crosby, 10 Seaview Avenue, Angmering-on-Sea Littlehampton BNI6 IPP. December 29.

From the Campaigns Director of Friends of the Earth

Sir. We are surprised and concerned by the length of time it is taking to properly tackle Britain's increasing transport problems. With every discussion, review and debate the problem gets worse. What we need is

At the end of this month a Private Member's Bill, the Road Traffic Reduction Targets Bill, will be discussed in the Commons. Drafted by Friends of the Earth, Plaid Cymru and the Green Party, and introduced by the Plaid Cymru MP, Mr Cynog Dafis in response to the pollution, destruction and expense of too much road traffic, it is an anti-traffic Bill, not an anti-car Bill. If it is passed, the Government will be required to reduce road traffic levels by 5 per cent by 2005, and 10 per cent by 2010 (based on 1990 levels). To meet these targets the Government will have to adopt a raft of measures from encouraging more sensible car-use to investing in alternatives such as better public transport and improved facilities for cyclists and pedestrians.

The Bill has already attracted widespread support and is backed by over 300 MPs, around 100 national organisations and many thousands of individuals. What is now needed is government support, not more talk.

Yours faithfully, TONY JUNIPER, Campaigns Director, Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood Street, NI. neilv@foe.co.uk January I.

1997 workload of the Royal Family

From Mr Tim O'Donovan

Sir. I have conducted a survey of the official engagements carried out by the Royal Family during 1997, as reported in the Court Circular.

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'Selected' veg From Mrs John Prebble

Sir, Could the catering industry, I wonder, be prevailed upon to adopt as a new year resolution the abolition of the "chef's selection of fresh vegetables" and allow us to choose our own, giving us a reasonably sized portion of a single item, plus potatoes cooked to our taste?

The "selection" is in most cases nothing more than a little bit of this and a little bit of that - whatever happens to be cheapest at the market that week — thrown together without thought and offered to diners no matter what they are eating. The subtle knowledge of which vegetable best complements which main dish is fast being lost in the restaurant world.

Yours sincerely. JAN PREBBLE, 905 Nelson House Dolphin Square, SWIV 3PA. December 29.

Prostate cancer From Dr Richard Freeman

Sir, I am pleased and encouraged that you have chosen to focus attention on the work of the Institute of Cancer Research (Appeal, December 24; letter,

December 10), and its timely focus on prostate cancer. Medical research into male-specific

diseases and conditions lags woefully behind that for women. Breast cancer receives 15 times more funding for research in the UK than prostate cancer - although within a few years cancer of the prostate will supplant heart disease as the number one killer of men. Occasional errors or oversights in the thorough and extensive nationwide screening programmes for breast or cervical cancer make headline news — but there is no organised screening for men whatsoever.

Likewise, hormone replacement therapy (HKT) is widely available for women, and used to excellent effect by many of middle age and beyond. But where is the clinical equivalent for men? Paradoxically, the absence of HRT for men is supposed to be due to the enhanced risk of prostate cancer. It is high time that society insisted on attending to the clinical needs of the other half of its population.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD FREEMAN, 101 Castle Street. Saffron Walden, Essex CBIO 1BO. rfreeman@scigen.co.uk December 29.

overseas is an increase of 108 over 1996. Twenty-five per cent of all UK engagements were carried out on behalf of charities - 273 of them by the Princess Royal, 138 by the Prince of Wales and 97 by the Duke of Edinburgh. Those promoting a smaller Royal Family should bear in mind the important contribution made by the Queen's sister and her cousins, with 41 per cent of their engagements in support of charities.

It must be remembered that, in addition to the duration of an engagement, there is also the time taken in preparation, whether it be a visit, inure or speech. Except for Christmas Day and Easter Day, the Queen effectively never has a day off from the official red boxes which pursue her everywhere. The Queen Mother, now aged 97, actually increased the number of her engagements last year.

Yours faithfully, TIM O DONÓVAN. Mariners, The Avenue Datchet, Berkshire SL3 9DH. January 1.

Takes the cake From Mr Nick Elsley

Sir, According to the brochure I saw recently at my local branch, one of the major supermarkets seems to be showing a remarkable disregard of the current trend for greater clarity

about what we are eating. They offer to supply a sponge cake on a week's notice which looks like a panda, a lion, a computer game, a clown, a friendly monster, a rocking horse, Noah's ark, a jungle, a vampire, a football, a pink elephant and friends, farmvard animals, a toadstool house, a champagne bottle, or a

golf bag. These all seem strange enough, but there was one other choice. Why would anyone nowadays want to eat a cake that appears to be a hamburger? Yours sincerely,

NICK ELSLEY 40 Oxford Gardens, N20 9AG. January 1.

Anachronism

From Mr Bernard Buckle Sir, If, as your first leader today sug-

gests, the Greeks had a word, chronos, which meant the regular ticking of the clock, their technos must have been more ahead of their time than even my late classics tutor would have dared suggest.

Yours faithfully. B. BUCKLE, Flat 5, 99 High Street, Ventnor, Isle of Wight PO38 ILY. December 24.

Extra spice

From Mr Raymond Wergan Sir. In order to differentiate between

grandparents, our latest granddaughter has started calling my wife "Granny Spice". I find this charming, but it has the

"Old Spice".

drawback that I am now known as

Yours faithfully, RAYMOND WERGAN. Milton Point, Yealm Road Newton Ferrers, Devon PLS 1BL. December 29.

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JOHN GRAHAM,

Director of Finance, The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 42 Curtain Road, EC2A 3NH. December 29

Fifty years on From Mr Jack Shapiro

Sir. Your brilliant analysis of the past 50 years, "History is now" (leading article, December 26), cannot disguise ict mat all the chan: the Attlee Government with its landslide majority left Britain with 10 per cent of the population owning 90 per

cent of the nation's assets. The current landslide majority, for all its pretensions, has not put forward one single policy that will change that ratio. Until there is a fundamental change, unemployment, homelessness and the other ills of society will not even begin to be addressed. We still spend far too much on destruction (defence) and far too little on health and education.

Hopefully, the next 50 years will bring about the changes that will enable your leader in 2048 to say that these ills are no longer with us.

Sincerely JACK SHAPIRO, 100 Brim Hill, N2 OEY. December 26.

That's entertainment?

From Mr Peter Rmok

Sir. I see that the Independent Television Commission decided in October that the Eurotica Rendez-Vous satellite channel was an "unsuitable" channel under broadcasting rules and that the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary is now to seek a banning order against it (report, December 31). The report goes on to mention the launch of the Gay TV satellite channel on January 6, which promises "the very raunchiest in gay enter-

Am I missing something here? Yours faithfully P. I. D BROOK. 101 Portland Street. Southport, Lancashire PR8 6QZ.

pid@mopernet.demon.co.uk December 31.

Plastic padding

From Mr David Lewis

Sir, Mr Philip Smith, commenting on the 35 plastic cards in his wallet (letter. December 31), asks where will it all end? If his spending habits are as exuberant as my own I suspect it will end in tears.

Yours faithfully, DAVID LEWIS, 50a Welldon Crescent Harrow HAI IOR.

Carey Street.

From Mr Martin Farrell Sir, The answer for Mr Philip Smith is

Yours faithfully MARTIN FARRELL Elliott & Company (solicitors). 8 Breams Building, EC4A IEA.

From the Reverend Canon Clive Cohen Sir, It will end, I presume, with his

organ donor card. Yours faithfully, CLIVE R. F. COHEN. The Rectory, Winterslow,

Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 IRE. c-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk December 31.

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SOCIAL **NEWS**

The Queen will open the five millionth home to be built under the National House Building Council scheme on Thursday, February 19.

The Queen's Galiery exhibition Presenting An Image finishes on Sunday, Michelangelo And His Influence will run from Friday, January 23. until Sunday, April 5.

Birthdays today

Mr David Bailey, photographer, 60; Mr N.H. Baring, chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 64; Sir Richard Bayliss, former Physician to the Queen, 81; Mr Leopold Brook, former chairman, Simon Engineering, 86: Mr Christopher Campbell, chairman, British Shipbuilders, 62; the Duke of Devonshire, KG, 78; Professor Sir Kingsley Dunham, FRS, geologist, 88; Mr Walter Harrison, former MP, 77: Miss Hilary Heilbron, QC, 49; Sir Michael Hirst, former MP. 52; Mr Doug McAvoy, trade unionist, 59; Sir Bruce Pattullo, Governor. Bank of Scotland, 60: Sir Charles Reece, former group research and technology director, ICI, 71: Mr Edmund de Rothschild, former chairman, N.M. Rothschild and Sons. 82: the Earl of St Germans, 57; Air Marshal Sir Ernest Sidey, 85: Sir Keith Thomas, FBA, former President, British Academy, 65; Sir Michael Tippett, OM, CH, composer, 93: Dame Rachel Waterhouse, former chairman, Consumers' Association, 75; Sir Andrew Wood, diplomat, 58; the Right Rev Kenneth Woollcombe, former Bishop of Oxford, 74.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Yalden, roet, Oxford, 1669; James Wolfe, general and conqueror of Quebec, Westerham, Kent, 1727; Gilbert Murray, scholar, Sydney, New South Wales, 1866; Count Folke Bernadotte, UN mediator. Stockholm, 1895: Isaac Asimov, Russianborn American science fiction writer. Petrovichi in the Smolensk district of Russia 1920.

DEATHS: Ovid, poet, Tomi, on the Black Sea, 17AD; Johann Kaspar Lavater, physiognomist and poet, Zurich, 1801; Fabian Bellingshausen, Polar explorer, Russia, 1852; Alexander William Kinglake, historian of the Crimean War. London, 1891; Sir George Biddell Airy, Astronomer Royal 1836-81, Alnwick, Northumber-land, 1892; Friedrich Wilhelm IV. King of Prussia, 1861; Leon Philippe Teisserenc de Bort, meteo-rologist, Carmes, 1913; Sir Edward ocial reformer. London.

Edna May, actress. 1948. Académie Française founded by Cardinal Richelieu, 1635. Sir Joshua Revnolds became the first President of the Royal Acaderny, which opened this day, 1769. The Soviets launched Luna 1. the first unmanned space rocket to pass close to the Moon, 1959. Sixty-six people were killed when a barrier collapsed at Ibrox Park football ground, Glasgow, 1971.

School appointment

Bruern Abbey Bruern Abbey is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Deighton, formerly Housemaster at Cothill, as He January 4, 1998.

University news is on the facing page

Latest wills

Sir Guy Hope Holland, farmer and art dealer, of Eastleach, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £23,322

Margaret Lady Turner, of London No, left estate valued at £685,218 net.

Sir David Bruce Pitblado, Comptroller and Auditor General 1971-76, of London SW3, left estate valued at £735,218

Lady Cameron, of Thirsk. North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £674,652 net.

William Vincent, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, left estate valued at £1,801,501 net. Lalage Ridsdale Rayner, of Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, left estate valued at £1,875,880 net. He left £1,000 to the RSPCA and the Cats Protection League. David John Napier Edward Yorke, of Steyning, West Sussex, left estate valued at £4.749,259 net.

Margery Pugh, of Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex, left estate valued at £2,710,345 net.

She left shares in her residuary estate to: RNLI, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. Royal National Institute for Deal People. Ifield Park Housing Society. Barnardo's, Leonard Cheshire Foundation, NSPCC, Salvation Army, RSPCA, Save the Children Fund, SCOPE and The Friends

William Henry Bowman, of Chichester, West Sussex, left estate valued at EI.012,044 net. Mary Farlow Little, of Bathampton, Bath, left estate valued at £1,540,427 net. She left ES,000 each to Si

Michael and All Angels Church, Bathampton, and the RNLL Patricia Burne, of Midhurst, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1.015.382 net.

Serena Mary Sheffield, of All Cannings, Devizes, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £2,864,211

Evelyn Lorraine Tyzack, of Tetbury, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,949,793 net. She left £500 to the Parochial Church Cooncil of Eyam Parish Church.

Margaret Elisabeth Lowe, of Torquay, Devon, left estate valued at £1,155.469 net. Henry Mathison Pelling, a

Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, left estate valued at £1.857.975 net. He left one half of his estate and half of his residuary estate to Save the Children Fund.

Gertrude Louie Plumbly, of North Walsham, Norfolk, left estate valued at £2.731.581 net. Diane Kathleen Gabriel, of London N12, left estate valued

at £992,980 net. Phyllis Rose Content, of London SW17, left estate valned at £2.018.148 net. She left £500 to the Association

of Jewish Friendship Clubs. Aileen Hope Johnstone Tatton Brown, of London Wil, left estate valued at £1,357,646 net. William John-Findlay, of London N21, left estate valued at £1.325,653 net.

He left shares in his estate to the Royal Caledonian School, RNIB. Help the Aged and Barnardo's. Joseph Spelman, of London W2. left estate valued at £1.447.641 net.

of which he was a member. John Howarth Richardson, of Worsley, Manchester, left estate valued at £2,129,901 net. Richard Hunt Williamson, of West Drayton, Retford, Not-tinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,383,823 net.



Broughty Ferry station, near Dundee, opened in 1838, a year after the London to Birmingham railway. The footbridge was added in 1886

End signalled for historic station

By MARCUS BINNEY

THE oldest railway station in Scotland is under threat of demolition. Railtrack is seeking permission to knock down Broughty Ferry station, east of Dundee, which opened in 1838, a year after the epoch-making arrival of the London to Birmingham railway at Euston.

The station is listed Category A, Scotland's equivalent of Grade I in England, Railtrack says that it is in an appalling condition, has no use and would cost £389,000 to repair. There was initial interest when we advertised it, but as soon as people saw how much work was needed, they melted away," said a spokesman. the 19th century.

Broughty Ferry was a fashionable seaside resort where the owners of Dundee's flourishing jute mills built handsome villas to escape the foul air of the city. "Broughty Ferry was the richest mile in the Empire and even the pavements were of mahogany," the Railtrack spokesman said. In the First World War, the station echoed to the hobnailed boots of The station served a fashionable seaside resort, "the richest mile in the Empire"

thousands of troops embark-ing for Flanders and Gallipoli. The station was built for the Dundee and Arbroath railway, which opened on Octo-ber 6, 1838. When the station was listed, the Government heritage body Historic Scotland said that its gables and canopies had hardly changed since it was first illustrated in the 1840s. The covered footbridge was added in 1886 and

the wooden signalbox soon

Gordon Biddle, editor of the New Oxford Companion to British Railway History, said: This is a very unusual example of a signalbox integrated with the footbridge. The whole group of buildings on both sides of the track deserves to be kept. Very few station buildings of such early date

But Trevor Scott, a Railtrack architect, said: "Visually, the building is of no architectural merit. We can provide a much better passenger facility by replacing it. We are spending huge sums of money on listed station buildings all over Scotland, including £2 million on Dundee, another £2 million on Aberdeen further up the line, as well as £35 million on Glasgow Central. The station

wouldn't go into it." The Railtrack spokesman added: To be brutally honest, when we inherited these buildings in 1994 they were a prime example of British Rail's inability to invest. They had

in terrible condition. I

been allowed to go to rot." The station building has not been used operationally since 1986 and the last tenant, the Angus Railway Preservation Society, was asked to leave three years ago for repairs to be carried out. The society is keen to return but can pay

only a peppercorn rent.
The Railway Heritage Trust has offered a grant towards restoration if a medium to long-term tenant can be found. David Hewick of Broughty Ferry Community Council said: The railway was the making of the town. The station is one of our principal historic landmarks. Over 200 people have objected to the local council about the demolition. It is no good Railtrack complaining of perished gutters and slipped slates. These are things any normal householder would fix

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Ralph Carr Ellison and Mrs S. Dyer

The forthcoming marriage is an-nounced and will take place shortly between Ralph Harry. restand of the late Mary Clare McMorrough Carr-Ellison, nee Kavanagh, and Louise Gay Dyer, nee Walsh, widow of Simon Dyer.

Mr T.E. Fielden and Miss I.E.C. Duff

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs J. Fielden, of Odiham. Hampshire, and Grimston Park, North Yorkshire, and Ional elder daugh per of Major and Mrs C.E.A. Duff, of Burnesson, North Yorkshire.

Mr V.A. Hazandras and Miss A.M. Davies

The engagement is announced between Vassilios, son of Mr Andreas Hazandras, of Athens, Anneas: Frazilation, of Adheris, of Wentworth, Surrey, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr John Davies, of Denbighshire, North Wales, and Mrs Mary Davies, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr S.A. Pettiller and Miss S.K.A. Lewis

between Scott, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Petrifer, of Enfield, Middlesex, and Sophie daughter of Dr and Mrs Brian Lewis, of Hyme Kent

Mr A.D. Yannaghas and Miss O.D.J. Rayenshea

The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of Mr. Michael Yannaghas, of Mortlake, London, and Mrs. Caroline Yannaghas, of Temple, Midlothian, and Dominica, youngest daughter of the late Mr Peter Ravenshear and of Mrs Raven shear, of Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Marriage Mr C.C. Gil and Miss C.R. Dolton

The marriage took place in Chelsea, on Christmas Eve. of Cem Gul, of Istanbul, and Claire Dolton, of Edgbaston, Birming-

A reception was held at Sarastro's Drury Lane.

Skeleton reveals how Neanderthal man died

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

but the death of one Neanderthal male can now be explained: he died of lung cancer. Pathological changes in his leg bones, still visible after 40,000 years, are known to be consequences of the "This is the only known

ease of systemic effects of an infection or carcinoma among the Neanderthals," say Karen Fennell and Erik Trinkaus, after examining the skeleton. It was found at the site of La Ferrassie in the Dordogne in 1909, buried head to head with a Neander-He left £2,000 to any synagogue thal woman.

The man's remains are "one of the most complete partial Neanderthal skeletons preserved, even though hadly crushed", they say. Almost all parts, except for the knee joints and parts of the

THE fate of Neanderthal pelvis, were recovered, in-Man is still a matter of cluding all the teeth. Analysis ing from fractures through between 40 and 55, similar to other Neander-"clderly" thals.

> The telltale lesions occur on the lower ends of the leg bones in the thighs and shins. New bone had formed on the outer surfaces, not as the result of damage to the knee or ankle joints but because of an inflammatory reaction to systemic infection or carcin-

Inflammation of the periosteum, the surface of the bone, can result from either infection in the bone itself, or a more general systemic condition. The most likely cause in this case was hypertrophic oulmonary osteoarthropathy (HPO), the primary cause of which is known to be thoracic infection or cancer, most often centred in the lungs.

There are many forms of

eases and tumours, but these tend to focus in different parts of the skeleton. The particular afflictions of La Ferrassie Neanderthal are specifically associated with

lung cancer.

bones of the hands and feet are also affected, including clubbing of the fingers and toes, but La Ferrassie man died before the disease progressed that far. Such skeletal changes are reversible, the investigators say: if a cancerous lung is removed, the symptoms of HPO vanish rapidly, with pain and swell-ing decreasing within a day or two, and most arthritic lesions diminishing in a few

In advanced cases, the

☐ Source: Journal of Archae ological Science 24: 985-995

The Rev Margaret Engler, formerly NSM Harlesden All Souls (London): has become Duty Chaplain, HMP Wandsworth (Southwark). The Rev Simon Farmer, Chap-

hain to the Forces Royal Army Chaplain's Department to be Prison Chaplain, HMP Lowdham Grange (Southwell). The Rev David Gibbons, Assistant Curate, Gosport Christ

also Further Education Officer (same diocese). The Rev Michael Halliwell, Vice-Dean of Jersey (Winchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral (same diocese).

The Rev John Hardy, Chaplain, Magdalen College, Oxford (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, The Benwell Team with special responsibility for The Venerable Bede (Newcastle). The Rev John Hayward, Vicar, St Augustine of Canter-bury, North Springfield (Chelmsford): to be Team Rec-

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Church (St Albans): to be also Rural Dean of Rickmansworth (same diocese).

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The Rev Martin Lane, Assistant Curate, Liss (Ports-Church (Portsmouth): to be mouth): to be Assistant Curate, Leigh Park St Francis and Warren Park St Clare with responsibility for education and training (same diocese).

> The Rev Anthony Lynett, Priest-in-Charge, Gloucester St Mark, and part-time Chaplain, HMP Gloucester (Gloucester): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Gloucester St Mary de Crypt w St John the Baptist, and Christ Church, St Mary de Lode and St Nicholas (same diocese).

> The Rev Paul Maybury, formerly Curate, Sutton St. George and St Barnabas Mission Church (Chester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Zennor, and Towednack (Truro).

> The Rev Gerard Moate, Vicar, Dedham St Mary the Virgin (Chelmsford): to be also Rural. Dean of Dedham and Tey (same diocese).

The Rev Ulla Monberg, Area Director of Ordinands, and Dean of Women's Ministry (London): to be also Priest-incharge, Kensington Holy Trinity w All Saints (same

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The Rev Janice Murray, Curate. Harraby St Elisabeth (Carlisle): to be Priest-in-Charge, same benefice. Canon Dr Martyn Percy, Director of Lincoln Theological Institute (Sheffield): to be also NSM Assistant Curate, Millhouses Holy Trinity (same

diocese). The Rev Christopher Poulard. Rector, The Raveningham Group (Norwich): to be also Rural Dean of Loddon (same diocese).

The Rev Michael Proctor, Assistant Curate, Leatherhead All Saints (Guildford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Henlow and Langford St Andrew (St

Albans). The Rev Richard Rendall, Assistant Curate, Heswall St Peter (Chester): to be Rector. High Ongar w Norton Mandeville (Chelmsford).

The Rev David Saville, Bishop's Adviser for Evangelism, and Coordinator of the London Bridges Project (London): to be also Prebendary, St Paul's Cathedral.

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NANCY SILVER

Nancy Silver, Headmistress of Streatham Hill and Clapham High School 1973-78, and of Putney High School, 1979-86, died on December 13 aged 73. She was born on January 2, 1924.

says everything about Nancy Silver that, as soon as she retired from being headmistress of Putney High School in 1986, she went straight back to being a teacher of the subject she loved, classics, for the next ten years, part-time or fulltime, wherever in London any school needed her.

Such idealism and indifference to rank or status were in the blood. Her formidable mother, Mrs Dora Pym (even her daughter called her Mrs Pym) was a woman of powerful, radical intellect. In the Bristol University Department of Education, Mrs Pym had revolutionised ways of thinking about teaching Latin and Greek. Alive On Men's Lips (1952), a groundbreaking anthology covering 2,000 years of Latin literature in a single volume, was a typically inventive product of mother-

and-daughter collaboration. Nancy Silver never lost her mother's radicalism. She was an early member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, went on several Aldermaston marches and was downcast when the first cousin she so admired, Francis Pym, failed to scrap nuclear weapons when he was Defence Secretary.

As a headmistress and teacher, she believed passionately that children should learn to take decisions for themselves and she took an intense personal interest in the development of every child under her care. She was, above all, a woman of courage and principle. She never hestitated to speak her mind or to encourage others, even the youngest schoolchild, to do the same.

This could cost her dear. Exuding effortless authority in public, she freely admitted to being a bundle of nerves underneath (it was a standing joke among her friends that



she relaxed on duty only once she had managed to spill her drink). The reason was that she knew that her sometimes unconventional way of doing things was not everyone's way. She could lay down the law with chilling authority when required, but could also pass things off with a liberal shrug of the shoulders. Not everyone always agreed with her

But she was entirely lacking in self-importance. She was not one for power-dressing, and legend has it that a schoolchild once fell asleep trying to count the number of sheep on a much-loved sweat-

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and grandiose occasions with the great and good served only to exasperate her or feed her tremendous sense of humour. She was, however, in deadly earnest about the moral, spiritual and intellectual welfare of every individual entrusted to

her, and brooked no compro-

mise there. Nancy Silver was the eldest of the four children of Canon T. W. Pym, a residentiary canon of Southwark and Bristol Cathedrals and sometime chaplain of Balliol College, Oxford, and his wife Dora. Canon Pym died in 1945, but Nancy had assumed family burdens from an early age, finding welcome relief in the Mariborough School harvesting camps she worked at during the summers of the

1940s. After Clifton High School she experienced the wartime disruption of Lady Margaret Hall at Oxford, sitting classical Mods in 1944, filling in the next year with a diploma in education at Birmingham University, and taking Greats in 1947. She was a keen sportswoman, captained the Oxford University women's cricket XI and developed a passion for Australian cricket, missing no games during their postwar 1948 English tour "Bradman!", she would exclaim, her eyes misting over). She taught classics at Hab-

erdashers' Aske's for three

years, and in 1950 married Dr Christopher Silver, whom she had met through her medical brother. After they had raised their young family, she took up a post at Henrietta Barnett School, Hampstead Garden Suburb, in 1963; she later became the school's head of classics and deputy head.

In 1973, the Girls' Public Day School Trust appointed her headmistress of Streatham Hill and Clapham High School. This was a difficult period when the ending of the direct grant scheme threatened the very existence of the school. She inaugurated the bursaries appeal without pro-fessional help, raised standards across the school, and saw the tide turn. In January 1979 she became headmistres of another of the trust's schools, Putney High School,

where the participation of all staff, pupils, and parents – in developing the school and her own enthusiastic ap-proach to fundraising were the keys to her success. Nancy Silver was not a

woman to do things by halves. Even with a headmistress's workload, she threw herself into inspirational teaching of classics (she once taught a class on the stairs when no room was available), was president of the London Association of Classical Teachers. and taught regularly at, and one year directed, the Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek Summer School, which she regarded with the same fondness as those wartime harvest camps.

As a child she wrote plays which were constructed so that she could act the hero, villain and chief detective, and in later life she was always designing and making costumes for performances in school and out, amateur and professional, and took (and gave) immense pleasure in improving outlits for the endof-course tragedies and comedies at the Greek Summer School ("Have you started the frogs yet?" No, I'm still finishing the donkey.")

This great-hearted, indomitable woman finally succumbed to cancer. She is survived by her husband and by four children.

MAJOR-GENERAL J. A. McILVENNA

Major-General J. A. McIlvenna, CB, Director of the Army Legal Corps, 1978-80, died on December 18 aged 78. He was born on December 10, 1919.

years after being demobilised at the end of the Second World War, during which he had fought his way across North-West Europe with the British infantry. Tony McIlvenna was back in uniform - this time as an army lawyer. He had had some experience of the work when, at the end of the fighting in Germany, his law degree had earned him a brief assignment on military legal affairs in the Rhineland. Recommissioned in the

Army Legal Services in 1950, he spent the next thirty years touring the world, advising and appearing in courts mar-tial in Hong Kong, Aden, Egypt, Germany, Bahrain and Libya - from where his family had to be evacuated for safety reasons for fear of Arab

reprisals after Suez. John Antony Mclivenna was born in Darlington, the son of a civil engineer who was to become regional director of engineering for the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER). The Mclivennas had come originally from Ireland, moving from Ulster to the British mainland in the last century.

Tony McIlvenna's family moved to Newcastle upon Tyne, where he went to the Royal Grammar School, then to Hull - where he attended Hymers College - before returning finally to Darling-

On leaving school McIlvenna became articled to a solicitor who was also the town clerk in Stockton-on-Tees. At the same time he read parttime for a law degree at King's College, Newcastle - then part of the University of Durham.

The War Office allowed him to take his degree in June 1940. before calling him up for war service, at first in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was commissioned

PROFESSOR DONALD MacRAE



after a few months, however, and switched to the Durham Light Infantry (in which a number of his forebears had once served). He was in Iceland for a time before crossing the Channel after D-Day, as adjutant of the DLI's 10th battalion.

The battalion suffered so many casualties, however, that it was disbanded and McIlvenna was reposted as a company commander to the South Wales Borderers. He was slightly wounded in one arm while clearing out a nest of Germans during the fighting in Holland, but went on to be mentioned in dispatches in the final few months of the

On his return to this country. Mcllvenna attended a "crammer" before taking his law finals and being admitted as a solicitor in 1947. He then worked for a while in private practice in Wisbech.

Newly married, however, he felt the need to expand his income. He therefore returned to Germany to work as a

civilian lawyer for the Control

Zone, before joing the Army Legal Services as a captain in 1950. McIlvenna rose steadily in rank until, in 1978, he was promoted major-general and made Director of the newlyformed Army Legal Corps -the reconstituted Army Legal Services. He retired in 1980.

Mclivenna was a conscientious, uncomplicated army lawyer who always took an optimistic view of life. In this respect he was sustained by his Christian faith. A devout Roman Catholic, he was chairman and director of the United Services Catholic Association from 1979 until 1981, when he became a vice-president. He was also a founder member of the Latin Mass Society. which regularly celebrates Mass in its traditional form. He relaxed by swimming, listening to music and above

all by playing bridge. Tony McIlvenna is survived by his German-born wife Hilde, a doctor specialising in psychiatry whom he met in Bonn at the end of the war, and by a son and a daughter.

From some viewpoints Donald MacRae's career fell

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FLOYD CRAMER

Floyd Cramer, country musician, died of cancer on December 31 aged 64. He was born on October 27, 1933.

FLOYD CRAMER was one of the most prolific and influential musicians in American country music. His distinctive "slipnote" piano playing style, artfully blending one note into the next, was a vital element in what became known as the Nashville Sound", with which country performers reached a vast new nonspecialist audience from the late 1950s onwards. He recorded some 50 al-

burns on his own account. many of them featuring songs he had written himself. But it was perhaps as a backing musician for more high-profile performers that he made his greatest impact. He was much in demand as a sideman throughout his career, moving effortlessly between country and pop in support of such stars as Elvis Presley (Cramer played piano on Heartbreak Hotel), Patsy Cline, Roy Orbison, the Everly Brothers, and even the actor Robert Mitchum (whom he accompanied on a version of Little Öle

Wine Drinker Me in 1958). Floyd Cramer was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and grew up in Huttig, Arkansas. He taught himself to play the piano and, after leaving high school, became a regular on the Louisiana Hayride radio show, where he met musicians such as Jim Reeves, Hank Williams Sr. and the then unknown young Elvis.



1955, when the country music capital was beginning to live up to its self-proclaimed status as "Music City USA" and emerging as a serious rival to New York and Los Angeles as a centre of the recording industry. He signed a contract with the RCA label and worked tirelessly as a session musician, honing his skills on countless records.

Cramer's delicate touch and characteristic slurring of notes set his keyboard work apart from the more percussive country and western norm. In the late 1950s, when the guitarist and record producer Chet Atkins began to perfect the so-called "Nashville Sound". Cramer's smooth piano playing was an essential component of this more sophisticated style, helping to move country music away from its hillbilly roots and towards the main-

stream of pop.

As well as featuring around the turn of the decade on a He moved to Nashville in number of recordings which

typified the new sound, such as Don Gibson's great run of hits (Oh Lonesome Me, I Can't Stop Loving You. Sweet Dreams), Cramer had his first big solo success with Last Date in 1960. He subsequently made regular appearances in the US pop charts, notably with his vibrant On the Rehound and an atmospheric reading of Bob Wills's classic San Antonio Rose.

For the rest of his career. Cramer maintained a workrate rivalled only, perhaps, by his longstanding friend Chet Atkins. As well as accompanying many of the most successful performers of the day, he released albums of his own at the rate of one, two or even three a year. He appeared regularly at the Grand Ole Opry and on the Nashvillebased television show Hee Haw. His composition My Blue Eyes won a Grammy award in 1979 for the best country instrumental.

In later years he pursued a more middle-of-the-road course, enjoying a hit with the theme tune from the TV series Dallas in 1980, for instance, and using direct television marketing to sell his album Floyd Cramer Performs Your All-Time Favourites. Such easy-listening projects were proof that many of Cramer's fans had grown older with him, but for a younger generation of musicians, too, he remained an inspiration. He endowed a number of music scholarships at East Tennessee State University.

Floyd Cramer is survived by his wife Mary and two

Donald MacRae, Martin White Professor of London, died on

of Sociology, University December 23 aged 76. He was born on April 20, · 1921.

DONALD MacRAE was a man of erudition, judgment and prodigious memory. whose contribution to the university world was, in a way, made by his presence in it and the range of reference his knowledge represented. He exercised influence on a generation of sociologists through conversation, sometimes of course, during tutorials, but just as often in "the daily walk of the mind's business". To him the university was less an administered entity than a self-governing fraternity of scholars in pur-

His own speciality was the historical development of our understanding of "the social". He pursued a humane vision centred on the sociological classics and offered intellectual tutelage and support to students unattracted by either positivism or Marxism. In particular, he gave pioneering direction to the sociology of religion. numbering among-his graduate students Bryan Wilson and John Peel. Donald Gunn MacRae was

suit of understanding.

born near Glasgow, and after a rather lonely childhood largely spent roaming his grandfather's library on Skye – his father, an engineer, was often abroad, his mother a teacher and scholar of Celtic languages - he attended Glasgow High School before

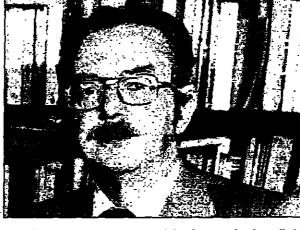
going, in 1938, to read history at Glasgow University. From there he went to Balliol in 1943 as MacLeod Scholar and Domus Exhibitioner, reading PPE and taking a starred first

in 1945. Almost immediately he joined the sociology depart-ment at the LSE, where he stayed throughout his career, apart from a year as lecturer in sociology at Oxford in 1949. He became Reader in 1954, and Professor in 1961, succeeding David Glass in the Martin White chair.

His main publications were Ideology and Society (1960): The World of J. B. Priestley (1967): an edition (with introduction) of Herbert Spencer's The Man versus the State (1969); Ages and Stages (1973); and Max Weber (1974). It was sad that he never completed his projected volumes on the history of his subject.

Apart from periods at University College, Gold Coast (as it then was), and at Berkeley, Stanford and Witwatersrand Universities, MacRae involved himself in numerous activities, generally of a con-sultarive kind. These included the Gaitskell Commission of Inquiry into Advertising, 1962-66; the Archbishop of Canterbury's Group on Divorce Law, 1964-66; and the New Yorkbased International Council on the Future of the University. 1973-82. He was also chairman of the arts and social studies committee of the Council for National Academic Awards up to 1978.

Most notably, MacRae was the founding editor of the British Journal of Sociology.



1950-65. MacRae's term as an academic governor at LSE overlapped the time of troubles there in the late 1960s. When Donald MacRae arri-

ved at the LSE sociology department, it was about to shift away from the philosophical and comparative institutional approach of Hobbouse and Ginsberg to the demographic and empirical studies of social structure of D.V. Glass and his associates. Since MacRae (with Julius Gould) represented a philosophical and comparative approach rooted in history and politics, some tension was inevitable.

This was exacerbated by personal differences and also political loyalties, given that MacRae associated himself with what might be called "the American Party" — such scholars as Daniel Bell. Edward Shils, Melvin Lasky and S. M. Lipset. Perhaps MacRae found himself most at home with people like Donald Watt and Leonard

Schapiro, and the distinguished LSE group of anthropologists, most strikingly in a celebrated joint seminar he conducted with Isaac Schapera and Maurice Freed-

Happily, in the 1960s sociology was expanding. The LSE could play a leading role in peopling the new departments with sociologists of whatever methodological persuasion, and MacRae played a formative role in this process. Perhaps in his later years MacRae felt less at home in sociology as practised, something indicated by the gnomic dedication of his book on Max Weber to Carl Maria von Weber's rival. Johann Nepomuk Hummel. With advancing age, personal problems may also have taken a toll. In 1948 he had married Helen McHardy, with whom he had two daughters, but the marriage was dissolved in

1986 (she died in 1995). In 1987

he married Jean Ridyard.

ambition. He was inhibited by perfectionism and diverted by excess of gifts, for example, his early published poetry. It is to be suspected that he had come to conclusions about social life which were too bleak and contrary to be articulated. For him, the trouble was that the great banalities were after all mostly true, and for the rest it was the wise man's part to leave the unsavable unsaid. Certainly, finding sustenance in such writers as St Augustine, Calvin, Machiavelli and Pareto implied sombre conclusions. Yet, at the same time, he

was deeply committed to the thinkers of the Enlightenment. both Scottish and English. He regretted (medicine apart) not living in the worlds of Gibbon. Ferguson and Hume.

After his first stroke in 1993 his consolations were the care of his wife together with political biographies. Virgil and Homer, books on architecture, Scotland, whisky and Haydn. In matters of faith he considered most of the ground between Geneva and Rome something of a swamp and liked to quote William Camden's lines:

Betwixt the stirrup and the ground Mercy I asked, mercy I found.

Donald MacRae is survived by his second wife and by two daughters from his

University news

London School of Economics and Political Science The following have been elected

Honorary Fellows: Mrs Pat Barker, author and winner of the Booker Prize for Piction; Dr Nicholas Garganas, Deputy Covernor, Bank of Greece; Dame Rosalyn Higgins, QC, Judge of the International Court of Justice, Dr Navinchandra Raragoniam, Prime Minister of Mauritius, Professor Adam Roberts, FBA, Montague Burton Professor of International Relations and Pellow of Balliol College, Oxford; Mr Stephen Wheateroft, Director of Aviation

and Tourism International. Manchester Appainted to chairs Karel H. Williams. Reader in

Accounting and Finance and Director of Graduate Studies at the Graduate School of Social Sciences. Manchester University. to be Professor of Accounting and Political Economy from October 1. Jamie Andrew Peck. Reader in Geography, Manchester Univer-sity, to be Professor of Geography from November 1.

John Raymond Hook, Reader in Physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Man-chester University, to be Professor of Low Temperature Physics. Department of Physics and Astronomy, from October 1.

Anthony Howell, Senior Lecturer in Medical Oncology, Manchester University, in he Professor of Medical Oncology from October I. David Nicholas Fallows, FBA. Reader in Music at Manchester, to be Professor of Music from November L John Harris, Professor of Bioethics

and Applied Philosphy in the School of Education, Manchester Univesity, was appointed to the newly established Alliance Chair of Bioethics on August 1. Grant of titles Dr Jacqueline Hayden, Dean of

Postgraduate Medical Studies, as Professorial Fellow in the Department of General Practice, Faculty of Medicine. Dentistry and Nursing from August 1. Dr A.H. Qureshi as Reader in ernational Economic Law from October 1, 1996, fin lieu of his

current appointment as Senior Lecturic in Law). Honorary and visiting Professors D Foray and M Teubal to be Honorary Visiting Professors in the ESRC Centre for Research on Innovation and Competition for

three years from January I, 1997.

Professor R. J. Stone, Director of

Wolfson Centre, to be Honorary Visiting Professor of Virtual Reality in the Department of Surgery for three years from August 1, 1997. Dr P H Cowley to be Honorary Visiting Professor in the Man-chester School of Engineering to October 31, 2000. Ian N Hampson as Senior Lec-

mrer in Gynnecological Oncology. Ian Hindle as Senior Lecturer in Oral Surgery in the Department of Dental Medicine and Surgery. Véronique Ming Pin-Fat as Lecturer in International Relations and International Political Economy in Dept of Government. Yong Chang Wang, as Senior Lecturer in Engineering. Rorden M E C Wilkinson, as

Lecturer in International Relations and International Political Economy in Dept of Government Peter W. R Woodruff, as Senior Research and Development at the Lecturer in Adult Psychiatry.

SKI-ING IN SURREY. A TRAVERSE OF LEITH HILL

(From a Member of the Alpine Club). The disadvantage of the ski is the difficulty of transporting them within the confines of London. On the return from a previous expedition, I was unfortunate enough to find myself with them on the Underground during the evening "rush hour," and very awkward and unpopular they proved. On the railways the officials have not yet made up their minds whether or not ski should rank as bicycles. One thing is certain, however — they are not carried at their "owner's risk," but at other

Yesterday I solved the problem by starting at an early hour from Waterloo iin company with two friends, both expert ski runners of the Alpine Club. On leaving the train at Dorking we became the object of various remarks. The most popular theory in England is that the ski runner progresses in a series of gigantic leaps across country, and small urchins, gathered to watch us pass, urged us to put them on and

From Dorking we travelled by omnibus to South Holmwood, where we strapped on ski and and set off in the direction of Leith Hill. The day was a beautiful one, as a New Year's

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On a beautiful New Year's Day, with the sun shining on the snow, three experienced skiers made for Surrey and put on "them new-fangled contraptions" for some fine runs to Dorking.

Day should be; the sun shone brightly and the newly-fallen snow of Saturday sparkled like gems on the old and dirry snow of the previous

We passed up a narrow lane with great drifts on either hand, and, turning off to the right, struck straight up the eastern slopes of Leith Hill. Here, as we slid along between ranks of stately pines, I was reminded of a Tirolese landscape. It needed but a majestic snow peak rising from the hazy Weald of Sussex to complete the illusion.

Ski-ing in England is thirsty work, and we were glad to slide down to the inn at

Coldharbour for refreshment. Several pedestrians were present, and once again we were greeted with admiration and suspicion. Admiration on the part of youth, suspicion from old age. The latter, ably represented by old "Jarge," had it that it would take something to get him about on "them newlangled contraptions," which it obviously

After luncheon we continued on our way to the summit of Leith Hill, nearly 1,000ft above sea level. The day was now dull, and we looked down through a dun-coloured haze towards the Weald, which seemed thousands of feet below, so deceptive is our atmosphere.

Some splendid wood running brought us to the premy village of Abinger, nestling snugly in its sheltered valley. Perhaps the only exciting portion of this run was a steep narrow path. The tendency on these occasions is for the first man to fall and for his followers to pile

themselves on top of him. From Abinger we ski-ed across country to Dorking and very enjoyable going we found it. The snow was thawing in the streets of Dorking, and it is sad to think that the perfect crystal snow, over which we have glided so lightly in the last few days, will soon vanish, perhaps not to return to this country for many Football: The head of the FA's sec-

urity operation has expressed con-

cern over the number of tickets

available to England supporters at

Sports broadcasting: The filtieth

anniversary of Sports Report, on

the day of the third round of the FA

Cup, is an ideal time to toast the

radio programme that has become

Salling: Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

reflects on the challenges that lie

ahead for Tracey Edwards and the

all-female crew who are attempting

to break the round the world sail-

Rugby league: Leeds and Castle-

very strong winds will affect western areas early tomorrow morning.

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LUCIANO DEL CASTILLO / ANSA

Loyalist group admits attack

The breakaway Loyalist Volunteer Force claimed responsibility for the New Year's Eve machinegun attack on a Roman Catholic pub in North Belfast and gave a warning: "This is not the end."

The LVF said the attack which killed one man and left five others injured was further revenge for the murder of Billy Wright, its leader, by the Irish National Liberation Army in the Maze prison last Saturday...

Kennedy family mourn another tragedy

The Kennedy family are mourning another tragic loss after the son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy died in a skiing accident in Colorado. Michael LeMoyne Kennedy, 39, died on New Year's Eve after crashing into a tree while skiing with his ..Pages 1, 3 family in Aspen.

Tanker aground

full stretch trying to save 29 crewmen on a 22,637-ton oil tanker which was "bouncing" off Thatcher Rock near Torquay in atrocious conditions Page 1

Fewer students

New universities are trying to stave off a shortfall of admissions next autumn by tempting students to enrol this spring to beat the introduction of £1,000 tuition

Rebels join Greens

Two rebel Labour MEPs have intensified their battle with the party over the welfare state by accepting honorary membership of the Green GroupPage 2

Diana fund

The first donations from the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund are to be handed out within weeks to causes closest to her

Hit and run deaths Two women were killed in front of their friends and families by

hit-and-run drivers in two sepa-

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Britain accused of spying on EU

Britain's relations with the European Union may deteriorate

further with the disclosure that successive foreign secretaries

have used MI6 to spy on our partners. The confirmation that

Britain's intelligence network, reputedly Europe's most effec-

tive, has been eavesdropping on Brussels, Paris and Bonn comes

days after Tony Blair took over the presidency............... Page 1

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Petrol ceasefire Petrol companies and supermarkets are expected to be urged by the Office of Fair Trading to call a ceasefire in their price war to

Looking good

Marine rescue services were at Hundreds of women are going into hospital this month to collect their Christmas presents. A few painful days later, they hope to emerge looking better Page 7

> Prickly problem Ecologists are to evict an alien invader - the hedgehog - from remote Scottish islands where it is threatening the survival of important bird populations..... Page 9

Jewish history find The claimed discovery of a com-

plete and undamaged seal of one of the biblical Jewish kings has been hailed as an important find by experts in Israel Page 10 Belt tightening

Malaysians must be willing to

make sacrifices to defend their currency during 1998, or face the prospect of "recolonisation", says the Prime Minister Page 11 French malaise

The much discussed malaise afflicting France was vividly illustrated over the new year as discontent with high levels of unemployment erupted into unrest and violence among poor youths. and the homeless...... Page 12

Balloon race

Top engineering, experienced balloonists, adventurers and hypnotism form the backbone of the balloon challenge by Breitling prevent the closure of thousands Orbiter 2, which is waiting to lift of rural filling stations.... Page 6 off from the Alps Page 13

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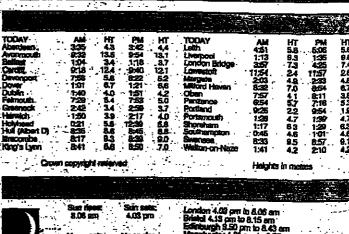
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Celtic must end barren ten-match sequence to prevent champions stretching lead

Jansen set to call time on Rangers

AS A foreigner, Wim Jansen has had to familiarise himself with Scottish life, but there are customs he is pledged to eradicate. Since he took the job in the summer, the Ceitic head coach has only been able to extend the unhappy record he inherited — his club has failed to win any of its past ten matches against Rangers in the Bell's Scottish League premier division.

Today, at Celtic Park, in the third Old Firm game of the season, the Dutchman has another opportunity to snap the sequence. Failure against Rangers may be the only aspect of life that Jansen has His personnel bear little reother welcome changes, including the winning of the

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Coca-Cola Cup in November. On good days, such as the ted in the final of that tournament, it is possible to believe that Jansen has already geffected a transformation, but that is a misapprehension. A league table that already shows five defeats for Celtic is a better guide to the difficulties

that he continues to encounter. Against sides that are intent on hustle and bustle, the pattern and discipline that Jansen seeks can falter. Last weekend, Celtic lost 1-0 away to St Johnstone. Rangers, in addition to possessing a stronger pool, also look better adapted to the pursuit of a championship. With nine consecutive titles under their belt, it is natural that they should have

a good grasp of procedures. Rangers are happy to accentuate the impression of stability at Ibrox, knowing that it)-may sound ominous to Celtic. After injuries and suspensions, a whole batch of players are available once again. Foremost among them is Paul Gascoigne, who was sent off in the last Old Firm match, in November, and has now completed a five-game suspension.

fitness," Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said, "but his general fitness is fine. Experience of Old Firm games could be an important factor when I am deciding who to pick. It isn't a gamble, as such, to send out someone who is short of match practice. It's just that you know they won't last the full 90 minutes.

"Gascoigne and Jonas Thern might come into that category. The decision I have is whether to let them start the game or bring them on later. Smith is hardly in torment over this decision, but since his team has scored nine goals in its past two matches, the still to alter at his new club. . choice is a tricky one. Jorg Albertz has been in his best semblance to the squad that he form since signing for Rang-inherited and there have been ers in 1996, for example, and restoring the missing players

could marginalise him. Jansen has yet to piece together a line-up capable of though there was a fillip for Celtic in the last-minute equaliser from Alan Stubbs that secured a draw in November. but he has striven to instil a more concerted style of play and, where the defence is concerned, he has been

In both Old Firm matches this season, Celtic have played poorly yet still conceded only a single goal on each occasion. If they are to be victorious this afternoon, that same cohesion will have to spread throughout a team that lacks individuals of the calibre of Brian Laudrup or Gascoigne, Defeat would leave Rangers with a seven-point advantage over

their Glasgow rivals. "We will have to show the same determination to in-crease our lead as Celtic will to peg it back," Smith said. Over the past few years, Rangers have consistently been able to summon their best form when necessary. If Celtic, whose injury problems seem to have cleared up, are to establish themselves as contenders for the title, they will have to show "I have to assess his match that same capacity.



Gascoigne, sent off in the last Old Firm encounter, is available for Rangers again this afternoon, but may not start the match. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Hibernian reveal hidden depths

the first time since February of

Heart of Midlothian 2 Hibernian

By Kevin McCarra

BEFORE this match, no one could tell quite what it would take to provoke Hibernian into life. Yesterday, at Tynecastle, the answer was provided. Already bottom of the Bell's Scottish League pre-mier division, Jim Duffy's side faced the sort of indignity that proved to be more than their soul could tolerate. They were 2-0 behind at the interval and. by then, few would have envisaged the pugnacity with which they would recover to

The failure to crush their Edinburgh rivals when they might have done so will be punished by more than a bout of dejection at Hearts. A winwould have taken them to the top of the table, but Rangers now hold a lead of a point and play their game in hand, against Celtic, this afternoon. For Hibernian, the benefits are far more difficult to measure. It could be that the result

has kept Duffy in employment. His team have played 15 matches without a victory, but if the revival in spirit can be sustained then results, too, should improve. After the interval at Tynecastle, assets hidden for months became

conspicuous. When Harper, the forward, began blazing down the right and skimming past Pointon, the Hearts full back, the first suspicions that Hibernian were not doomed to despair began to develop. Previously, the neutral spectator had only been engulfed in feelings of pity for them.

At the outset, they were incapable of protecting themselves. Chris Reid had already made an athletic save, from Adam, before Hearts scored in the sixth minute. Robertson laid the ball to McCann who crossed, with his first touch, to Fulton. Although he had to lunge to make contact, the midfield player was able to loop a header over the goalkeeper and into the net.

Dennis, the centre half who

has been injured, was appear-

ing in the Hibernian side for

last year. Duffy accepted the element of risk, hoping to benefit from the defender's experience and physique, but he has had little fortune of late and, at the second goal, the gamble appeared as prudent as Russian roulette. After 11 minutes, Robertson

turned a pass to the left and Dennis, who could have cleared, knocked the ball into the path of Fulton. He then had another chance to intervene but again nudged the ball to the Hearts man, who

World Cup ticket fears 22 Hereford's mission Misery for Bodin .

advanced and slipped a shot low into the net.

The only good thing about the first half was that we were only 2-0 down at the end of it," Duffy said. He, at least, be-lieved that he had the type of men who are prone to a radical change of personality. We are a Jekyll and Hyde team," he said. "The first half showed why we are at the bottom of the table and in the second we looked as if we should be further up it."

Jim Jefferies, his Hearts counterpart, is also a believer in the possibility of transfor-mation. "I told the players at the interval that it definitely wasn't over," he said, "and that Hibs would get a boost if they scored." He can have found only a glum satisfaction in having his suspicions confirmed so graphically. The visitors claimed a goal in the

mal trend.

Sist minute. Harper bounded Pointon and pulled over a cross. Rousset, the Hearts goalkeeper, advanced and was decrived by the wind that took the ball away from him. Had he remained on his line, Hibernian could not have scored, but, as it was, Walker, from some 14 yards out, was able to guide a header past the

stranded Frenchman. Although Reid soon had to make a fine double save, from Fulton and then Cameron, Hibernian were no longer downcast. After 67 minutes, Crawford set up Dow for a low

but no one has basked more

warmly in its glow than

Gordon, who has read the

football results for the past 25

years — half the programme's

The task of reading the

football results might never

have come his way had his

predecessor, Jimmy Kings

bury, not overlooked the es-

sential seriousness of the job.

On his first day, he prefaced

the first result by saying to an

expectant audience bent over

their pools coupons: "Eyes

down, children ... May your

felt tips never run dry." He

gazza in **GLASGOW** England and Rangers expect in 1998 Oliver Holt meets Mark Hughes and Emley prepare for their big day TOP COLUMNISTS Lynne Truss Steve McManaman Simon Barnes and Lawrence Dallaglio ON MONDAY cross that McGinlay drilled home for the equaliser. When Robertson, an inveterate scorer in this fixture, missed a late chance to win the match for Hearts, it was clear that Hibernian had bucked a dis-HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN (4-4-2): Rousset — G Locke, D Welt, P Ritchle, Pointon (sub 7 Floget, Törnin) — Salvatori, C Cameron, S Fution, N McCan (sub: J Hamilton, 86) — S Adam, Robertson A 16-page guide to the HEBERNIAN (3-4-3): C Reid — J Boco (sut A Rougier, 87), S Dennis, D Dods — N Miller, C Jackson, P McGinley, A Dow — Happer, A Welker (sub: K Miller, 75), C Crewford 1998 sporting calendar

Under the skin of sport

Sports Report stays in tune with changing times

Simon Wilde pays tribute to a

sees, among other things, the FA Cup third round - so there will be little time for congratulations, but at five o'clock give a nod in the direction of an old friend, for BBC radio's Sports Report will be 50 years old.

Ah yes, Sports Report. It is perhaps impossible to say those words without hearing in one's head the te-turn-tetum of the military march that serves as the programme's signature tune, or the measured Scottish burr of James Alexander Gordon reading out the classified football

Both are legacies of a bygone age, but to Sports Report they remain stubbornly appropriate. Perhaps they bestow order and seriousness upon activities that would be little without them: in the case of the football results, so successfully that the imparting of so much bitter-sweet news is almost unbearable in

its concentrated essence. Sports Report has always had the same, simple purpose: to deliver information quickly and efficiently, and that its makers have never lost sight of this fact is surely the secret of its success. "It is to the

domorrow afternoon is a credit of the programme's busy one for sport — it creators that it has changed so sees, among other link over the years," Gill Pulsford, the present produc-er, said this week at a lunch to mark the half-century. "They got the formula correct right at the start."

The first edition, advertised as "a new Saturday feature for sportsmen", went on the air on the Light Programme from 5.30pm to 6pm on January 3. 1948, to the strains of Hubert Bath's Out of the Blue, which was snatched from the gramophone library by some inspired individual. The programme was presented by Raymond Glendenning and contained a discussion about amateurism and a match re-

radio programme that remains a fixture on Saturday afternoons

port from Portsmouth v Hud-

derstield Town by a young John Ariott It was an immediate hit with a public hungry for instant sports news and, with no competition to concern it until the arrival of television several years later, its audience touched a staggering 12 million (it is now a healthy 1.5 million, the highest anywhere on BBC radio on a Saturday). Seven years into its life, the

programme was extended to an hour to get the football results on earlier, but that was the last big structural change. The greatest upheaval has involved the frequency on which it went out. In 1964 it was switched to the Third

Programme, where it followed a sports service of live commentaries ("interspersed with classical and light music" that was the forerunner to the existing Saturday gramme's successor), Radio 2 and, now, Radio 5 Live. To mark the occasion, tomorrow's Sport on Five programme will begin an hour earlier to take in a 60-minute retrospective and when Sports Report begins, there

will be a brief television link

show that starts at lpm. Since

then it has been carried on

Radio 3 (the Third Pro-

anchored by Steve Rider. Sports Report has made the reputations of presenters such as Eamonn Andrews, Peter Jones, Desmond Lynam and John Inverdale (it was during's Lynam's era in the Seventies that an attempt was made to remove the signature tune, but it was swiftly re-

did not read the results again. Gordon made no such error and prides himself on never having read a score incorrectly - no small boast for someone who has delivered more than 50,000 of them in his time. His most frequent correspondence is with a married couple who have a wager on whether or not the first mistake will ever come.

"I believe the key to not making a mistake is finding a rhythm, which I put down to my musical experience," he said. "If you have that rhythm, it is hard to go wrong and, though it may sound square, I think you owe it to the listeners to get it right."



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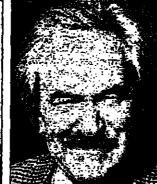
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Voices that have contributed to an enthuring success story (from left to right): Andrews, Lynam, Gordon and Arlott

England appeal over World Cup ticket allocation



AMID growing fears that England will receive too few tickets for the World Cup finals in France this year, the Football Association is to ask the tournament organisers for a larger allocation. The FA fears that if its complement is not increased, supporters will turn to the black market, which could make it impossible to segregate

Under the present rules, 60 per cent of the tickets are intended for the French market, 20 per cent will go to Fifa, the sport's world governing body, and only 20 per cent will be shared between the competing sides. In a stadium seating 40,000, the 20,000 members of the England Travel Club would be chasing only 4.000

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Sir Brian Hayes, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is leading the FA's security operation at the finals and is to meet French police and tournament officials later this month. He confirmed yesterday that the FA will be seeking more tickets.

"With 20,000 people registered with the England Travel Club. it gives you some idea of the potential demand," Sir Brian said, "Also remember that people can travel in three hours to Lens. where one of England's games is being played. The FA will be making a strong case to get their allocation increased.

sibility of trouble among supporters, especially if they were unable to buy tickets or had purchased them for the wrong areas in the grounds. There is still a problem when fans travel abroad but, over the past few years, we have built up a tremendous reservoir of exper-

"We already know from making contact with the French that they are very keen to listen. I shall be raising such matters as their general policy on ticket control, segregation, how they will handle fans going to and from grounds and inside them, and hope they are going to cope with the enormous movement of fans across the country.

David Mellor, head of the Government's football task force, is similarly concerned. "I think there is going to be a terrible black market in those tickets and it would be awful if the World Cup was marred by speciator trouble," he said yesterday.

Manchester United supporters have called for a meeting with club officials to resolve the increasing problem of fans standing in seated areas during matches at Old Trafford. Some supporters claim they have faced bullying and intimidation from ground

during the game against Everton on Boxing Day, when fans fought with stewards as they tried to eject them from behind the East End

The matter came to a head

Andy Walsh, a spokesman for

the Manchester United Independent Supporters' Association, said: The next home game is against Spurs on January 10 and we have to meet to talk about it before then. The brutality of some of the security staff has got beyond a

Gillian Howarth, the association's secretary, said: "The problem has grown into open defiance now. More people are standing up to protest at the way they are being treated. It is becoming a confrontation between the security men and the fans. People are being ejected. they have their photo taken and their season ticket withdrawn. They're treated like vermin. When we've asked for meetings with the club in the past, we've been

Ramsden, a United spokesman, said: "We aren't saying the fans can't sing and chant. They can stand up in moments of excitement but what we are talking about here is standing up permanently." Maurice Watkins, a United director. said yesterday: "Any complaints against our stewards or security staff will be looked at."

Christian Gross, the beleaguered Tottenham Hotspur manager, has suffered another setback with the loss of Allan Nielsen, the Denmark midfield player, for the FA Cup third-round tie against Fulham on Monday. Nielsen broke a bone in his ankle in the 1-1 draw against Arsenal at White Hart Lane on Sunday and is likely to be on the sidelines for at least a month.

David Powell on the club trying to escape Ronnie Radford's shadow

tise," he said.

Hereford resolve to rewrite history



raham Turner's secretary. Joan, was in her office trying to cope with the phone calls. The new year programme was placing extra demands on those staff remaining at Hereford United after the redundancies that followed the club's loss of Nationwide League status last May. As usual, when Hereford are on an FA Cup run, people wanted to know where Ronnie Radford was.

"I have been here 18 years and I am sick of it," Joan said. Of that goal, "Neil Grayson has got to score one to kill that Ronnie Radford goal so we never hear that name again." She has worked under ten managers at Hereford, but the name that keeps coming up is Ronnie Radford.

Even Turner, the Hereford director of football, admits to being fed up with it, though one imagines that, if the Vauxhall Conference club's directors shared that view. they would have taken down the photograph in the boardroom by now. It is still there on the wall in black and white: "Goal of the Century", Radford is not in shot. The boot that launched the cannonball is 30 yards away from the Newcastle United goalkeeper in the shot.

Goal of the century? As far as Hereford's history is concerned, it remains so, but there are 24 months to go. However, for Grayson, the club's leading scorer, to have a chance of granting Joan her wish. Hereford will need to beat Tranmere Rovers in the third round on Sunday. It is no good scoring a fabulous goal to eliminate a first division club. You cannot score the goal of the century against Tranmere, it has to put out a big club, like Newcastle

Newcastle, from the old first division, were beaten 2-1 by non-league Hereford at Edgar Street in 1972. Radford scored the equaliser. Ricky George the winner. At the end of that season. Hereford entered the Football League. but, in 25 years before dropping out again, their spoon hardly made a sound against the truphy. Now they are a non-league club again, they are up to old tricks.

After six seasons in which they eliminated only one league club and became one of non-league football's favourite dishes, going out to Yeavil Town, Bath City and Hitchin Town, Hereford have rolled over two league opponents this season. In the first round they put out Brighton. who had consigned them to the Conference. In the second ter United.



Radford's thunderbolt out of the Edgar Street mud in 1972 helps to eliminate Newcastle United and enters the realms of FA Cup legend

"I suppose, as a non-league club, there is less pressure." Turner said. "As a league side, you are on a banana skin." Sittingbourne, from the Dr Martens League, threw one under Hereford in the fourth qualifying round and they almost fell. Hereford trailed 2-1 towards the end. "I looked at the sky and asked:

'Why me?' Turner said, "I could not believe it could happen so soon after Brighton." But the equaliser came and now the fourth mund is beckoning. They have never been beyond that stage.

The only bull Turner talks is Freetown Kudos, the club masou, a one-ton Herefordshire beast occasionally pa-

raded before matches. Not this Sunday, though. "Haven't had time to think about it." Joan said. There is refreshing straight talking in Turner's replies to key questions. Formerly the manager of Aston Villa and Wolverhampton Wanderers, is he content at Hereford? Certainly not. Ambition still burns.

There might be an opportunity to manage somewhere bigger than Hereford." Turner - "a young 50" - said. "People knew that when I came but, if the opportunity comes up. it must mean I have done something here." Next

question. Which is more im-

portant, beating Kiddermin-

ster Harriers in the Con-

ference yesterday or Tranmere? "It's got to be Tranmere," he replied. No platitudes about the league being the bread and butter. His reasons are "financial".

A glamour tie would earn Hereford some £200,000, That would ease our financial problems," Turner said. He did not want to draw



Supporters acclaim one of Hereford's four goals yesterday

Tranmere - estimated profit on Sunday, £10.000 - and does not mind admitting it.

Disappointing," he said. Two months ago, Hereford were unable to pay the players on schedule and, though that fall would enable Turner to keep them on full-time next season. He has taken a voluntary 30 per cent cut in salary and helps out wherever he can. "We do not have a commercial manager and I take any opportunity to sell a board on the ground or an advert in the programme," he

Hereford are in voluntary administration, nearly El mil-lion in debt. "That means we have to keep control of our own affairs and there is no administrator coming in. wielding an axe." Turner said. We have a meeting of creditors this month to sort out a deal to ease the situation and stop the potential winding-up of the club.

One thing that Turner will

'A non-league side again, they are up to their old Cup tricks'

not admit is that the chance of an immediate return to the third division has gone. "You never give up hope," he said, perhaps recalling that Brighton were 12 points adrift at the foot of the league in December last season.

After their 4-1 win away to Kidderminster yesterday. Hereford are 19 points behind Halifax, the Conference leaders. If John Aldridge, the watching Tranmere manager. left uneasy at the quality of Hereford's play, he may be comforted to know that Richard Leadbeater will not be available on Sunday. Lead-beater played a part in all four Hereford goals, scoring three and making the other, but, as a loan signing, he is prohibited from playing in the Cup.

Going out of the league was Turner's most traumatic football experience. "I had never seen so many prown men cry: in the boardroom, on the room," he said. If bulls could cry. Freetown Kudos would no doubt have been standing in a puddle. At Wolves, Turner left when abuse from fans became intolerable. At Hereford, supporters voted to raise admission prices this season in a survival gesture.

Relegation inspired a book on the club Hereford United: The League Era. Ron Parrott. the author, suggests that David Icke, the broadcaster turned Green Party eccentric. is arguably Hereford's bestknown former player", a goalkeeper in their first league season. Try telling that to

Laugh on Talbot as Stevenage take spoils

By WALTER GAMMIE

PAUL FAIRCLOUGH, the Stevenage Borough manager, had the last laugh after his clash with Brian Talbot head coach of Rushden and Diamonds, who had refused his request to postpone the clubs' Vauxhall Conference match at Broadhali Way yesterday

afternoon. "Football has a nasty habit of slapping you in the face," Fairclough had said beforehand by way of appropriate psychology in trying to negate the advantage Talbot had sought by insisting the fixture went ahead just two days before Stevenage visit Swindon Town in the FA Cup third round.

Sure enough the move blew up in Talbot's face as Rushden's run of four Conference victories, the last a 2-0 win over Stevenage on Boxing Day, came to an end, it had looked promising enough when Darren Collins put Rushden ahead before halftime with his thirteenth goal of the season, but Stevenage struck twice in rapid succession after half-time to wrest a

valuable 2-1 win. The goals were scored by Dean Wordsworth and Guil-iano Grazioli, the strikers recruited by Faindough just before Christmas to try to give his team the cutting edge that

it has lacked this season. Cheltenham Town were at Yeovil Town - who were anxious not to miss out on a big holiday attendance - before their cup tie against Reading at Whaddon Road tomorrow. A 3-1 defeat, before a crowd of 3.657, brought to an end Cheltenham's run without defeat that extends to 17 Conference matches or 24 games

including the FA Cup. The result enabled Halifax Town to restore their sevenpoint lead at the head of the table. They gained swift revenge for their defeat at Gateshead on Boxing Day with a 2-0 win over the same opponents at The Shay, thanks to two goals by Geoff Horsfield, whose tally in the Conference this season now stands at 23.

With Hednesford Town losing 2-1 at Kettering Town. Woking going down 3-0 at Farnborough Town and Morecambe managing only a I-I draw at Southport, results all round ran in favour of George Mulhall's team. Kettering's steady revival -

they have now enjoyed the luxury of a four-match unbeaten run — under the guidance of Steve Berry, their playermanager who captained Stevenage's title-winning Stevenage's win all the more valuable.

Kettering and Telford United, who gained their second victory under Jimmy Mullen, their recently-appointed director of coaching, when beating Leek Town 3-0, are now only a win away from dropping Kidderminster Harriers, runnersup last season, into a relegation place.

Reading between the lines of Bodin's card trick auf Bodin, the Reading defender, has been Russell Kempson on a case of wrongful dismissal that

forced to accept a three-

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Feeling bullish: Turner, right, and Freetown Kudos, the club's famous mascot

match suspension for an offence he did not commit Reading, the Nationwide League first division club. have decided not to appeal against his bizarre dismissal in the 0-0 draw against Wolverhampton Wanderers at Elm Park on December 20.

Video replays have shown that Bodin was not involved in the 38th-minute incident. when Gareth Davies, Reading's recent £100.000 signing from Crystal Palace, tackled Robbie Keane. Davies then playfully ruffled Keane's hair. which resulted in the Wolves striker tumbling dramatically to the ground.

Steve Bennett, the referee. took advice from one of his assistants and sent off a clearly bemused Bodin. It was

the first time the former Wales player had been dismissed in career spanning 17 years. "I couldn't believe it." Budin said yesterday. "I was at least ten yards away and didn't even see what had happened.

You usually know what the ref is referring to when something has gone on but when he said to me, You know what you did', I said I hadn't a clue. He said his linesman had seen it. It was almost laughable at the time, but it's not so funny now."

a senior professional player will not be challenging

Terry Bullivant the Reading manager, initially intendto appeal against the decision hut changed his mind. Bodin, 33. has started only three matches this season and was making his first appearance in four months only because of an injury to

Sieve Swales, the full back. Had Reading pursued their appeal, it is likely that Bodin would have been exonerated and that Davies, a central defender, would have incurred, the suspension in-

stead. Reading have a dearth of central defenders at sent, with Linvoy Primus. Keith McPherson. Darius Wdowczyk and Michael

"It was the club's decision and I have to accept it." Bodin said diplomatically. "I have spoken to Terry and we have come to an agreement on behalf of the club. What upsets me is that I'd never been sent off before and I had hoped it would never happen. I'd waited a long time to get back in the side and then it

Thorp absent through injury.

Bodin is still hoping that the case of mistaken identity can be resolved. "I want this to be erased from my record." he said. "I'll have to serve my suspension but the manager has said he will my and clear

my name afterwards. The Foothall Association is powerless to intervene unless receives notice from the alleged offender's club. "We take the referee's report as final unless an appeal is lodged," an FA spokesman said yesterday, "If there is no appeal, then the sending off will stand."

Bodin will miss Reading's FA Cup third-round tie away to Cheltenham Town, the Vauxhall Conference side.

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All-female crew has opportunity to end gibes about lack of competitiveness

Edwards can rule the world



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Robin Knox-Johnston

says that desire, not gender, is the vital factor

in attempt to break

circumnavigation record

s Tracey Edwards and her crew prepare to attempt to break the round-the-world sailing record of just over 71 days. the inevitable question is, can an allfemale team do it? The three boats that have beaten 80 days in a ferocious dash that makes the Whitbread race seem like a Sunday cruise have been crewed exclusively

Of the eight attempts so far, only half have completed the voyage, so to get around non-stop will be no mean achievement, a first for an allfemale crew. If they can achieve a voyage of fewer than 80 days, they will have struck a crippling blow against those who claim that an allwoman crew cannot compete against the males; if they don't, they will add weight to those who, watching the performance of the allfemale crew aboard EF Education in the present Whitbread race, claim that women cannot achieve the same level of competition.

Their boat, Royal & SunAlliance named Enza when we reduced the record to 75 days in 1994 - is a fast and powerful 92-foot, ten-ton machine of a catamaran. It can get up to speeds of 20 knots with ease in the right conditions, but in this game it is not high top speeds that matter, however headline-grabbing they may be. It is maintaining a

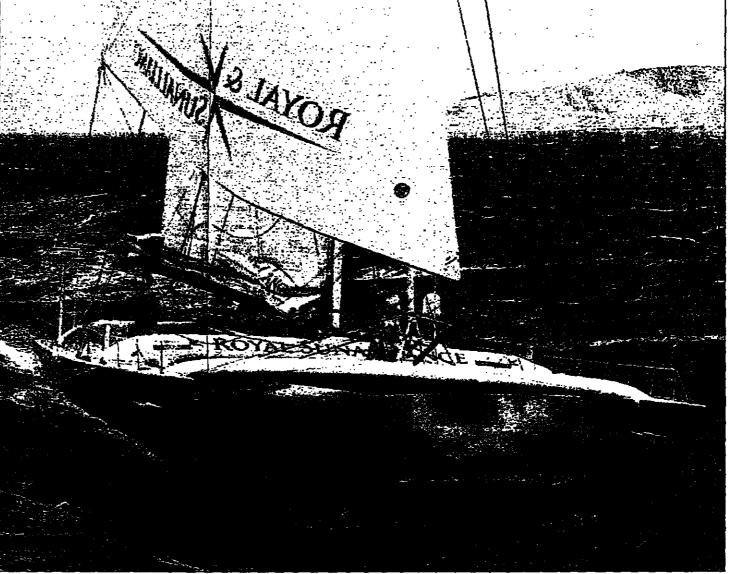
high average that breaks records. Using the same boat four years ago, we were frequently topping 26 knots in order to maintain an average of 17.5. We could get 28 to 30 in surges, but it achieved little extra except the feeling that we were often sail slower but reach the backing up as much

risking damage with the enormous strains that were beginning to be generated. To win, the boat has to be held at its limit. It has to be pushed mercilessly. The crew have to have complete belief in themselves and their craft to hold the boat at this extreme level of performance, not for an afternoon or a weekend but for ten whole weeks, constantly on the knife-edge between safety and

Racing a catamaran, you keep the veather hull kissing the water. It's a skill you learn, like riding an unbalanced bicycle. It requires stamina, skill and determination, and total adoption of the philosophy that perceives a large oncoming wave as an opportunity, not a threat. These are not attributes confined to males.

ailing is chess with push-ups. Although often seen solely as a physical sport, in reality the good sailor has to combine the ability to plan and think with the physical power to execute heavy tasks. The tactics of a circumnaviga-tion are dictated by the weather. The skill lies in constantly predicting the weather three days ahead, in seeing that the boat is in the right place to benefit from any changes.

Weather forecasting is not just a mathematical problem - if it were, computers would ensure that daily forecasts would always be accurate instead of being a very perishable commodity. It is a combination of art and science. There is a "feel" to it, and the winner of an ocean race can



Edwards, below left, and her crew on the fast and powerful Royal & SunAlliance have the record of 71 days in their sights

destination sooner by reading the weather better.

Navigators on modern ocean racers require an intimate knowledge of isobars rather than to be handy with a sextant. Steering, too, is something where experience and feel are paramount, whereas sailtrimming can be learnt by anyone with patience. The sex of the crew has absolutely nothing to do with ability in any of these activities.

Only on the sheer physical hard work are the women at a disadvantage, because they will not be able to lift and haul the heavy sails as quickly or easily. Men can throw their weight into moving something heavy which might require twice as many smaller females. This gives them a distinct advantage in the handling of the boat. One can do the work of two and does not need



In order to compensate, the women have to start everything earlier, call out more crew from their bunks for any heavy task and allow more time to complete it. This adds to their workload and fatigue ten. We had eight for the same boat, want that record

and can, when the crews are tired. discourage making that extra sailchange that is essential to maintain

high speed. Tracey is sailing with a crew of

but eight experienced sailors, six of whom had circumnavigated before. This gave us strength in depth, so that even when Peter Blake was injured and confined to his bunk for ten days, we continued to maintain a relentless average speed of 17.5 knots. Even so, we called all hands on deck for any sail-change to get it done faster, so that we were constantly pressurising the time, not leeling its pressure on us.

Tracey's crew aboard Royal & SunAlliance know that breaking the record will not be easy, but nothing really worth doing ever is. They will have to work harder than we did, but they must also know that if they show the right determination and have a little bit of luck, there is no reason why they should not succeed. Success will depend not on ' their sex, but on how much they

CRICKET: YORKSHIRE BOWLER OFFERS SYMPATHY TO TEAM-MATE

Silverwood's revival complete



Silverwood has his last net with the England A squad yesterday

CHRIS SILVERWOOD was reflect-ing on the rapidly fluctuating for-tunes of international cricket as he prepared to join the England party vesterday for the tour of the West Indies. Silverwood was recalled from the A team tour of Kenya and Sri Lanka after Darren Gough withdrew with a hamstring injury. Silverwood's delight at his promotion was tempered by sympathy for Gough, his Yorkshire teammate, who is a close friend and has been a significant influence on his

ट्यांट्य. I'm obviously delighted to have been called up and it's a great opportunity for me to go out to the West Indies and play against them, but at the same time I feel very sorry for Darren," said Silverwood, who was summoned from Nairobi. where he had been preparing for the the first of three one-day internationals against Kenya tomorrow. "I am big mates with Goughy and BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

we talk quite a lot about cricket together. He has really helped me with my game and I am really disappointed for him. Graham Gooch came into my room and told me about Darren and that I was going out to the West Indies to replace him. I wasn't aware I was on stand-by if anybody was injured on the main tour so it was a major surprise to me."

The call-up represents a signifi-

cant change in fortune for Silverwood, 22, who struggled in mid-season after being selected for the Texaco Trophy squad agicked Australia last summer, but picked up a flurry of wickets late in the season to earn his A tour place. There were times last season when I didn't think I was going to be on any of the England tours, let alone to the West Indies," he said. "Anything that happens now is a

bonus and III be going out there to

enjoy it."

Mike Gatting, the England A coach, urged his remaining pace bowlers to accept the extra responsibility forced upon them by Silverwood's departure. Gatting, who is now without a strike bowler with Test experience, hopes players like James Ormond, of Leicestershire, and Paul Hutchison, of Yorkshire, will respond to the extra pressure and confirm their potential.

"Chris leaving us is a big loss but this is why we have picked these youngsters," Gatting said. "We want to see them take on the responsibility early - we don't want to see them hiding behind somebody. We want them to come up trumps. They are good enough to do
that. They have already performed in chunty cricket otherwise they wouldn't be here and this is just a step up.

Happier prospect for **England Under-19s**

WITH the start of the Under-19 World Cup in South Africa less than a formight away, England Under-19 will discover in the next few days how they compare with the host nation at the one-day game (John

Stern writes). Unlike the two-match Test series. in which England were outplayed yet managed to draw both games, the three-match one-day series. which starts tomorrow in Benoni, offers no such escape route. Defeat for England in the series will raise questions about how well equipped they are for the World Cup. Players' confidence, though, is high, despite the poor showing in the three and

four-day matches. There is a feeling, though, that the England players are happier with the limited-overs game. There is no doubt that the side contains considerable depth in batting and a number of bowling options but there is a feeling that the batsmen

play the game too much off the cuff so that England, sponsored by NatWest, could equally raise a total of around 300 against a good attack or be dismissed for half that against a mediocre one.

It seems likely that Paul Franks, of Nottinghamshire, who made a splendid match-saving century, batting at nine, in the second Test, will bat at three if a wicket falls in the first 15 overs, as he did successfully against South Africa Schools. Graham Napier, the Essex all-rounder, was also promoted to open with Robert Key in that match.

Stephen Peters, Key's regular opening partner, was injured for that game, but the England management may be tempted to try Napier again in that position.

The wicketkeeper, Morné van Wyk, who made 60 for South Africa Schools against the tour team and 188 in the second Test, is a pivotal figure for the home side.

BOWLS

Singling out for Smith and Richards

By DAVID KHYS JONES

THE treatment meted out to two of the world's best bowlers by the England selectors raises the question of whether the high-profile (televised) game of singles has anything to do with the daily grind of team events in the mainstream game. Are the two, by

any chance, related? Wynne Richards, No 7 in the Saga world indoor singles championship at Pres-ton this month, has been left out of the England indoor trial at York on Sunday, in which 50 players will parade their skills, while Gary A Smith, the No 14 seed, looks as if he is on the way out of the

How can Richards, ranked seventh in the world, possibly be outside the top 50 in England? How can Smith. ranked fourteenth in the world, be selected only in the Possibles and be demoted from the responsible position of skip to that of second man?

Smith and Richards are the secretary and treasurer respectively of the Professional Association (PBA), which is perceived by stiffupper lip members of the blazer brigade as "a bit of a nuisance". Player power raising its ugly head in bowls. Whatever next?

Of course, no one is suggest ing that the pair are being victimised because of their role in the quiet revolution that has given the world's top players a 50 per cent say, and reduced the influence of the old order. But some explanation is needed.

When Richards was left out of the England side in 1996, it was suggested he was outstanding with four woods, but not so effective with two. Singles is played with four bowls and an attitude far removed from that required

for team-play.

But Richards has surely proved his worth as a team man, skipping his Cambridge Park quartet to the national indoor fours title three times. using two woods each time

Smith, too, has a formidable record in team events, although his success is often put down to his partnership at club level with Andy Thomson, who recently opted out of the nationals. Smith has since skipped his Cyphers team to three national titles.

Last March, while England lifted the Hilton Trophy for the first time in seven years. Smith's rink suffered two di-sastrous defeats. Only a brilliant display on Sunday can keep him in the side.

Five of England's six rinks remain intact but one new rink has been created. David Cutler, of Devon, is in charge of three newcomers: Mark Royal, the 1996 British junior champion, Billy Jackson, the winner of the world championship play-offs, and Richard Moses. The experimental quartet will be tested by a strong combination in the Possibles: Graham Hatherell, Les Gillett, Chris Palmer and

John Leeman. The selectors will focus their attention on rink four, which is not good news for Smith, who is on rink two.

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Flick off to winning start in rally

MOTOR RALLYING: The Paris-Dakar rally, starting in France for the first time in four years, drew big crowds for the first stage yesterday. Some 68,000 people watched the single 12-kilometre timed special section at La Chatre, which was won by Francois Flick, of France, on a Honda motorcycle in 9min

About 10,000 people saw the competitors off from Versailles, outside Paris, the fifth time the rally has started at the chateau buit the first since 1988. Bruno Saby, also of France and the race winner in 1993, was the fastest in a car in the timed section, with 9min 45sec. The first four places were all taken by Mitsubishis including the title-holder, Kenjiro Shinozuka, of Japan. who was 16 seconds slower than Saby in second.

Yates pipped

E CYCLING: Scan Yates. a former Tour de France time-trial winner and, at 37, the reigning British 50mile champion, who claims he competes "just for fun", was beaten yesterday in the race to become the country's first victor of the year.

Yates started last man off in the Southborough and District ten-mile time-trial at Vethersden, Kent, and finished with a winning time of 22min 2\sec. Some 40 minutes earlier, however, and more than 120 miles to the north, Tim Bailey, of VC Deal, had recorded 22min Olsec to win the CC Breckland event in Norfolk

Leaders accused

BASKETBALL: Steve_ Tucker, the Derby Stores coach who resigned this officials of ruining the sport in England. "I'm disgusted when we play other teams and they're playing five Americans," he said.

PICTURE.

RUGBY LEAGUE: MEANINGLESS MATCHES FAIL TO DO GAME ANY FAVOURS

Two Deans bring fine draw to an ugly end

Castleford Tigers 22

By Christopher Irvine

IN UNSEASONAL wind and driving rain for rugby league, which remains reluctant to give up on Christmas and new year fixtures despite a shift to spring and summer, honours were evenly spread after a dogged fightback by Leeds Rhinos from 16-0 down in the Teiley Challenge match at Headingley yesterday.

A worthy contest, in terms of entertainment, if devoid of meaning, was marred to-wards the end by a spat between two Deans, Sampson, the Castleford and Great Britain prop forward, and Lawford, the replacement Leeds hooker. The pair were

sent off, making it a sorry start to the new year for them. Colin Morris, the referee. produced the red cards after Sampson, who had just been sent to the sin-bin for deliberare offside, reacted to Lawford's words of incitement

with a haymaker. Sampson's original offence was punished by Holroyd's second goal five minutes before the end, as Leeds forged 22-16 ahead. After a converted try by Richard Gay, his second of the match, to level the scores in the 79th minute. Holroyd missed a penalty kick from 35 metres in the fourth minute of added time.

This was the second game of the festive season for Leeds: they beat Halifax Blue Sox on Boxing Day in front of an U,000 crowd. Another 9,000 through the turnstiles yesterday represented valuable income, yet rugby league is doing itself no favours by staging matches in the middle of what is now the off-season.



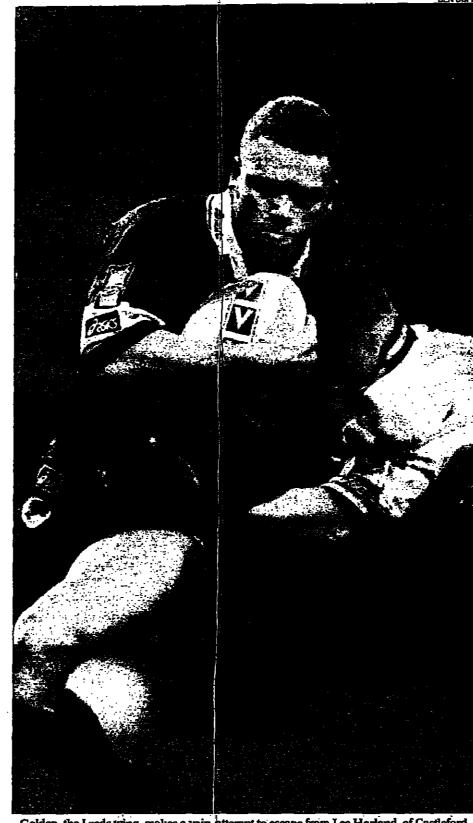
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Leeds, at least, had played a game, whereas Castleford had not come together competitive ly since September, and, minus their influential Australian contingent, enthusiasm got them through an encouraging first half before the inevitable collapse. Two of Castleford's new signings, Barrie-Jon Mather and Francis Maloney, gave good accounts of themselves.

League in April.

Leeds were nearer to full strength but looked thoroughly disjointed before the break as Gay raced over in the fourth minute and Orr found an embarrassing amount of room at the play-the-ball to free Maloney on his shoulder. When Mather sent in the hard-working Critchley and Maloney added his second conversion, the home side were staring at humiliation, until Farrell triggered the recovery with a try beneath the posts on half-time.

Graham Murray, the new Leeds coach, who is due to arrive from Australia next week, would hardly have been pleased by the first half. The recording of the second half will make better viewing for him, as Morley sucked in defenders with a typical surge and Holroyd's floated pass gave Hughes room to score at the left corner.



Golden, the Leeds wing, makes a vain attempt to escape from Lee Harland, of Castleford

Iestyn Harris, in his first match since the back injury that kept him out of Great Britain's series defeat by Australia in November, unleashed a magnificent last-ditch challenge to prevent an almost certain try by Critchley and. moments later, ingeniously worked the move for a try by

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Sheridan after good support

work by Hay.

Silly passes under pressure cost Castleford another try. this time by Golden. Holroyd missed with the conversion but his penalty after Sampson's offside offence looked to have secured the home side victory. They reckoneg without a die oreak by Dobson and Ort putting Gay in for Castleford's final try,

which Benn converted for a deserved share of the spoils. SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Farrell, Hughes, Shenden, Golden Goals: Holroyd (2), Hants Custlestord: Tries: Gay (2), Malchey, Critchley Goals: Maloney (2), Benn.

LEEDS RHINOS: 1 Hams: M Golden, Hughes. F Currans, L Rivelt: A Kemp Sharidan; M Masella, P Cantillon, D Fle A Hay, A Famall, A Morley, Subs Holroyd, D Lawlord, P Hessan, J

Born-again Oldham stride out

David Burke sees a club risen from extinction gain an unexpected victory

supporter could not have envisaged such an encouraging result — a 36-16 victory at Rochdale Hornets yesterday — as Oldham took their first tentative steps in their renais-

Perversely, the result was always going to be second-ary for the band of loyal Oldham followers after the trials and tribulations of 1997. Three months ago, any hope of opening the new vear with a competitive fixture, never mind a victory, was a pipedream. The famous Oldham club, launched in 1876 and founder members of the rugby league alongside Rochdale 19 years later, had ceased to exist.

Oldham Bears were relegated from Superleague last year with the price of failure exacerbated by debts of £1.2. million. The Bears went into liquidation before Christopher Hamilton.

a supporter, and three other local businessmen relaunched the club — in a manner to delight the traditionalists. Oldham have gone back to the future, wearing red-and-white.

hooped jerseys and preferring their old nickname, Roughyeds to a more trendy suffix adopted from

virtually inevitable.

couraged by many of the 3,097 crowd, responded with only a few training sessions. Oldham led 18-16 at halftime with tries from Ade

ven the most ardent : included their six close-sea son signings, and could have no excuses for such a

Inspired by Neil Flanagan, the former Rochdale scrum half, and Craig Barker, Oldham surprisingly stepped up the momentum in the second half and added three tries without reply from Martin Maders. McNicholas and Ian Sm-

make it a miserable afterof a crowd that was double

Paddy Kirwan, the Oldham coach, said: "I am more pleased for our loyal spectators because they turned up in large numbers

side

We will not be paying guaranteed money to the players'

the nearest menagerie. Yesterday, Oldham, who will compete in the second division next season, fielded an amalgam of cast-offs. loanees, trialists and 34-year-old Paul Round, who has been tempted out of retirement. Defeat appeared

The Oldham players, ena display of commitment and skill, remarkable after

Meade, Mike Prescott and the impressive Joe McNichto break into the Bears team last season. Rochdale Hamilton said.

field, their new recruit from Salford Reds. Brian Quinlan added six goals from six attempts to

noon for Rochdale in front their biggest of last season. Rochdale's three tries came from Kevin Mannion, the effervescent Richard Pachniuk and Peter Fitzgerald.

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what to expect. have to admit I did not expect us prehensively. packed with local players and

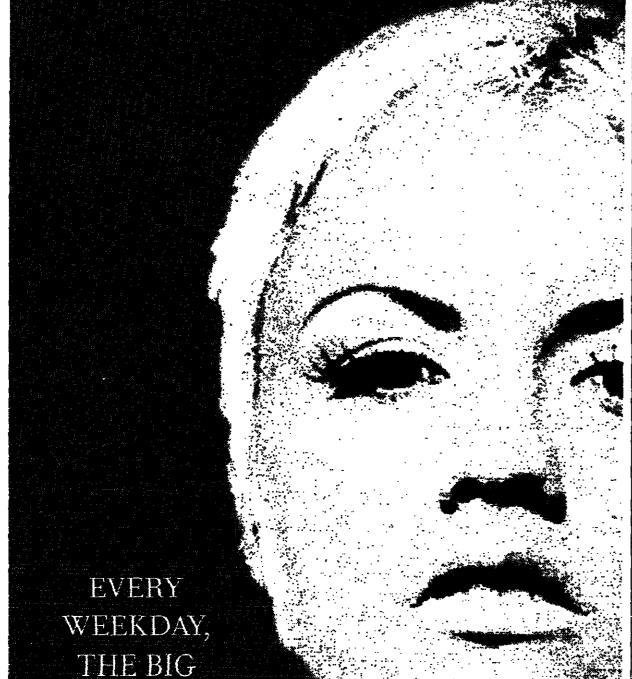
our team spirit won the day." Hamilton, an accountant, said: The victory was beyond our wildest dreams, but our supporters will have to be patient. Many rugby league clubs are time-bombs waiting to explode and we are determined to be prudent with our housekeeping and not go down the same route as the Bears.

"We will not be paying out any guaranteed money to players and the cash will have to be carned on the

Oldham are still hoping to be included in the draw, next Monday, for the third round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, having been out of existence when details of the 1997-98 competition were

will improve our case."

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By IROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the refresher last week, I began looking at the subject of the jump shift — making a single jump in a new suit when your partner has opened with one of a suit. I pointed out that you should begin with a jump shift only when your hand is easy to describe, either by rebidding your suit, rebidding in No-Trumps or by supporting your partner on the next round. The subject of the article this week is opener's bid after the initial jump shift. The general rule is that opener should make the same rebid, a level higher, that he would have made had partner responded a level lower. So, look at the following opening hands after the bidding has started One Heart - Two Spades:

2) • K65 *AJ652 • Q6 • AQ5 3) +A652 • K0762 • K6 • J2 ♦KJ5.4 ♦K3 Hands (I) and (3) are straightforward. With (I) you rebid Three

Diamonds and (3) raise partner's spades. On Haind (2), assuming that you are playing a weak No-Trump, you would rebid One No-Trump over One Spade, showing 15-17 points (if you play a strong No-Trump, that is the best opening bid on the hand). You should rebid Two No-Trumps over Two Spades, again telling partner that you have a better than minimum balanced hand. This leaves him plenty of room to tell you why he has forced. If he rebids Three Hearts, you can show your spade support with Three Spades; if he rebids Three Spades, you can show your enthusiasm with a Four Club cue-bid; if he rebids Three No-Trumps, it is probably best to

proceed with Four Spades, showing your support. Now consider the rebid when the initial response was at the three-level. The sequence starts One Spade - Three Diamonds: 4) + A Q 5 4 VK J 5 • 10 6 5 5) +AKJ1052 +54

+4 +AQ72 **⊕AQ5** If you were playing a strong No-Trump, you would have opened one on Hand [4]; playing a weak No-Trump, your Three No-Trump relaid shows 15-17 points.

On (5), we do have a difference from the rebid over a simple response. If partner had responded Two Diamonds, you are just about worth Three Clubs. However, after his jump shift, partner will not have a second suit of clubs, so the important thing is to stress the strength of your spades: bid Three Spades. That is an important point — try to avoid rebidding poor suits in possible slam auctions, and take every opportunity you can to stress a

 The Macallan international bridge pairs championship 1998 will be played at The White House Hotel, Albany Street, London. NWI from January 21 to 23. Tickets and information from The Macallan Box Office, 3t Queens Road, Mortiake, London, SW14 8PH (tel: (i181-878 5844).

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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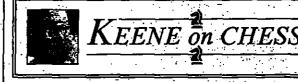
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a. Bookish b. A prefect at Harrow c. An ophthalmic disease CRISTA

a. A toboggan run b. A ridge c. An armour elbow-guard GALPON

a. A barn b. A fish

c. A scaling-ladder Answers on page 38



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sadler leads

After three rounds of Britain's premier all-play-all tournament at Hastings, Matthew Sadler, the co-British champion, has powered into the lead with 2½ points out of a possible three. Luke McShane, after a poor start, made up for lost ground by a swift demolition of James Plaskett, the former British

champion. White: Vladislav Tkachiev Black: Matthew Sadler Hastings Premier December 1997

Sicilian Defence 2 N3

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White resigns White: Luke McShane Black: James Plaskett Hastings Premier December 1997

Sicilian Defence Cxd4 Nc6 d6 e5 Be6 Nf6 d5 Nb5 6 814 7 8e3 8 Nd2 Bg5 exd5 Bxf6 Bc4 gxt6 Rc8 Bxc4 Nc4 Bxd6 Ke7 Oxc8 Rxc8 Rxc2 14 Noc4 15 Noc6+ Nxc8+ 18. Oxc8 19. Rc1 20. Rxc2 21. Kd2 Nb4 Nc6

23. Rc3 Play in the Premier continues until January 7 after the rest day yesterday. The playing venue is the Cinque Ports Hotel, Hastings.

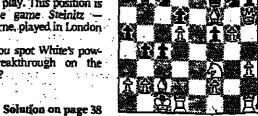
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is

from the game Steinitz -Blackburne, played in London in 1876.

Can you spot White's powerful breakthrough on the kingside?



WRU needs

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Cardiff's television wrangle heads for the law courts

the match between Cardiff and Pomypridd will kick off at six o'clock tomorrow evening. That such an announcement should be considered newsworthy only emphasises the ridiculous minutiae that still seem, with the season at halfway, to preoccupy

Welsh rugby You would have thought by now with New Zealand and latterly,

South Africa, having cut a swath through the European game, that impriving standards " uppermost in the influential minds of those who run rug-

mose who run rugby in Wales. Cardiff remain at loggerheads with the Welsh Rugby
Lunion (WRU) over a ten-year contract which the union insists

The WRU has insisted this contract be signed in order for it to Union (WRU) over a ten-year contract which the union insists were rugby club should sign.

This is a requirement that he be satisfied before any club may be granted any of the money that the governing body receives from the

television companies. Every club European rugby is to take. In the has reached this agreement, albeit meanding, a few kites have been reluctable. reluctantly, with the union, Cardiff

As part of the contract, S4C, the Welsh language broadcaster, puts out a live match every Saturday evening. The signatories have to abide by this requirement. Cardiff, on the other hand, since they have not signed any contract, insist that

they play their home matches when they like, which is at 2.30. By the end of this month, the other seven clubs in the Welsh League premier division will

plan its future and so give stability to the game within its jurisdiction. This may be a laudable objective during a period when there is still

so much uncertainty as to the path

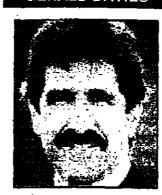
flown to suggest that Cardiff might wish to join forces with their English counterparts, either within the present system - which is highly dubious and would find, I would have thought, considerable opposition - or in a formation of a breakaway super league which, with the growth of the Heineken Cup, appears increasingly

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European rugby needs to develop a strong domestic structure in each country to underpin the international fixtures and European competitions. Another grouping would add to the confusion and inevitably limit the number of participants at the high level at a

time when rugby needs to expand. Cardiff Rugby Club, which runs as a business, with a board of directors that is answerable to its shareholders, believes that it is totally unbusinesslike to sign a contract of such length. This is especially so in the present rugby

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environment. In any case, the WRU cannot guarantee a continued stream of income to the club beyond the four-year period of the television contract. Cardiff believe it is only reasonable to sign an ent for that known period.

support Cardiff's claim. Had they been in the same position, they would have taken the same stance as Cardiff. They had no alternative, however. Their lack of cashflow demanded that the money came in

Cardiff, in contrast, is well supported by a number of wealthy patrons, particularly by a chair-man, Peter Thomas, who is not only one of two brothers who have been the most successful Welsh entrepreneurs of the latter half of the 20th century, but who is listed annually to be among the 50 wealthiest men in the United Kingdom. He and his brother, Stanley, played for the club in the Sixties. He has, therefore, the interest of the club at heart and is

not a fly-by-night dabbler.

We want to be involved with what is in the best interest of Welsh rugby," he said. "But, as a business. we also want to reserve the right to make a judgment as what is in the best interest of the club and its

game in the schools throughout our area. We want to improve the level of rugby and to push it forward for our supporters and as an enterprise. But we are continually being deflected. This kind of wrangling takes up a lot of energy and time that could be better spent else-

There are genuine concerns, too, that the television companies are unhappy, not only with Other clubs

support

Cardiff

the disagreements and the disruption to their schedules (live matches transmitted as not-quiteso-live, for instance), but with the topsy-turvy structure

of the present season. After this weekend, premierdivision rugby comes to a tempo-rary halt with the so-called Challenge Cup taking its place, a competition in which no one has shown much of an interest. This is not the first time there has been this

Privately, the other clubs happily supporters. We want to develop the kind of hiatus. It is no way to build up a television audience. Nor is it a way to generate support or interest through the turnstiles.

The withdrawal of television money would present a considerable problem for the Welsh clubs. The other clubs can therefore be grateful that Cardiff have agreed to accommodate the WRU with a six o'clock kick-off. Cardiff playing

Pontypridd is plum fixture. It is a top-of-the-table

If this match had not been televised as scheduled, there is every chance that what is presently a whispering grievance among the television companies would help to

instigate, with a threat of the withdrawal of contract revenue, a real cash crisis for the clubs. This rancorous argument be tween Cardiff and the WRU looks set to be settled ultimately in the

London law courts in the spring.

Northampton benefit from prop's power

Strongman Pagel makes them sit up in the front row

GENERALLY speaking, it is better to talk to the victim of an incident first, as the police acknowledge, than the alleged perpetrator. Besides, if the latter is the Northampton prop, Garry Pagel, a strong silent type, he will not want to discuss his role very much.

pary Halpin, victim of a sustained, brutal, yet perfectly legal, working-over by the South African in a recent Allied Dunbar Premiership match, is perhaps the best witness with whom to discuss Pagel's formidable scrummaging .

The London Irish tight-head prop spent much of the match with his head out of the scrum, "popped" by Pagel's enormous strength and excellent technique. Despite the experience, victim speaks in flowing terms of his tormentor.

He is a very strong man and I cannot think of a better loose-head Peter Bills looks at

one of the great

exponents of the art

"Pagel is an old-school prop, orthodox in style, so it wouldn't be true to say you come off the field battered and smashed to pieces. And he is certainly not a skulduggerish type

of player.
What he has is sheer power and superb technique. In most games, many scrums develop into stale-mate. But not with Pagel against you. He looks to attack you all the time, he's like the French props in that respect. Even at defensive scrums, he is trying to pressure you, to mess you up."

Pagel, who sat on the bench for in English rugby." Halpin said. South Africa in the 1995 World Cup

Pagel, right, won five international caps before joining Northampton

Johnson pulls out of Blackheath cup tie

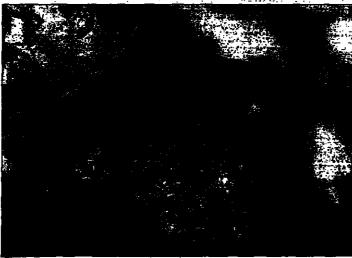
SARACENS defeat by Leicester are still only a collection of on Boxing Day, which was to cost the club more than its position at the top of the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division, has also deprived them of the services of Gavin Johnson, the former South Africa full back, for the Tetley's Bitter Cup fourth-round tie at Blackheath on Sunday.

Johnson has damaged knee ligaments and is replaced by David Thompson, the England Under-21 international Brendon Eniel, the wing, is another absentee with a calf strain and will be replaced by Matt Singer. Saracens, who beat London Irish on Tuesday to maintain the pressure on Newcastle, are resting Danny Grewcock, the England lock, for the tie at the Rectory Field, with Paddy Johns stepping in. Brendan Reidy switches from prop to hooker. The club also announced yesterday that they had released Brimah Kebbie, a recruit from Huddersfield Giants rugby league club last season.

Newcastle meet Exeter and are also expected to take the opportunity to rest several established names, allowing fringe players their chance. One of those could be John Wilkinson, the talented England Under-IS international fly half, whom Alan Tait, the Scotland centre, believes is a certainty to play for England. "He has everything," Tait said yesterday in the aftermath of Newcastle's defeat of Leicester that provided confirma-

tion that they are genuinely capable of winning the Premiership.
"It was a big step for us and we couldn't wish for a better way to go into the new year. Tait said. He also felt that the performance Holmes, the chairman, that they dispelled the myth that Newcastle

of winning a scrum



BY MARK SOUSTER

expensively-assembled individuals. "The way we played against Leicester was something money couldn't buy. It was like an international and if you had seen the reaction of the guys afterwards you would realise how much it meant. We have all gelled and the experience of guys like myself from rugby league has, I hope, helped younger guys come to terms with what professionalism is

The reigning champions, Wasps, play Harlequins in the cup on Sunday at Loftus Road. Harlequins, who scored 50 points against Wasps three weeks ago, will start the match on the back foot after their capitulation to Bristol on Wednesday. Andy Keast, the director of rugby, was swift in his condemnation after the game. "I think there will be people hurting after that defeat. I didn't enjoy what I said but it is over now and we must look positively at the cup game," he said. Harlequins are struggling to field a front row, with Massimo Cuttitta, Keith Wood and Tom Billups all injured, and with doubts over the fitness of

Jason Leonard and Danny Rouse. Bristol hope that their win at the Stoop Memorial ground will kickstart a renaissance on and off the field. A financial rescue package that would clear the club's £3 million debts and secure its longterm future is expected to be announced next week. "It has been tough," Alan Davies, the director of rugby, said yesterday. The fear that salaries wouldn't be paid has underpinned everything. It is only through the good offices of Arthur

ance as a replacement, reminds Halpin greatly of the former New Zealand loose-head, Steve McDow-ell. "Just like him; always going on the outside of the tight head. By doing that, there is a bigger gap between his hooker and himself. So the opposing tight-head comes straight up.

That is what happened to Halpin against Northampton, Pagel slid to his left in the scrums, so that instead of attacking the opposing tight-head under the chest, in the conventional style of most looseheads, he was twisting the tighthead in and targeting him in the side of the body.

Only the most powerful of men can do this, because they need to change their foot position in the scrum. As Halpin said: "You don't feel him under your chest, but you feel his power coming all down the side of your body. There are very, very few loose-heads out there who can exert the type of pressure he

Pagel's motive was to force his opponent to move his feet to adjust. And once he has done that, his opponent's head pops out. "He has done his job then." acknowledged a rueful Halpin.

Another to have suffered from the power of Pagel's scrummaging was Jason Leonard in the British Isles match against South Africa's Western Province last June. The experience probably cost Leonard a Test cap, and England would die for a prop of Pagel's quality. Yet he had won only five caps for South Africa before coming to England last autumn "for a new challenge". Northampton are already enjoy-

ing the benefit because Pagel has helped transform their entire scrummage. "We concentrate on the scrummage a lot more in South Africa," Pagel said. "Here, it is used only as a restart and two years ago it was the same in South Africa. But now it has changed, there are more now it has changed, there are more scrummages again, and I think that will happen here. Good scrummaging is about operating as a unit and getting your inning and body positions right."

Pagel's decision to come to

England effectively ended his international prospects, but he was clear in his mind even before he signed for Northampton. "I had a chat with Joel Stransky [the Leicester and South Africa ity half] and he was full of praise for what was happening here. I knew a change would be good for me."

Saracens wanted Pagel, but he accepted Northampton's offer of a two-year contract with an option on the third season. Ian McGeechan, his coach, is unstinting in his praise of Pagel's influence. But the oft lin, 18 stone prop simply said: The front row have their own ways of dealing with their opponents. Those outside the scrum, like the referees, don't really know what is happening in there. Brothers in arms, indeed.



Leonard: felt brunt of Pagel's power in South Africa



Ballas and Larman cross their fingers as they anxiously wait to hear the results at the dancesport international championships

Olympic recognition inspires more boys to join the dance to stardom

are taking up ballroom dancing, now renamed "dancesport", in the hope of winning an Olympic gold medal. The number of leading juniors

applying to register with the English Amateur Dancesport Association, the sport's governing body, is expected to top 500 for the first time this year.

But hundreds more are reported to be signing on as beginners, taking "medallist" exams in ballroom dancing schools around the

The full Olympic recognition granted to dancesport, which could see it in the Olympic programme by 2004 or 2008, has helped to make the activity fashionable once more after nearly three decades of decline.

"Olympic recognition has helped change the way it is perceived," Rita Thomas, of the association, said, "We are thinking of the dancers who are juniors and juveniles now as potential Olympic champions."

instead of taking up ballroom dancing to enhance their social life, with future dinner-dances in mind, youngsters are starting to approach it as a sport, in the same way that they think of football and tennis. The change of perception is aided by the closure over the past decades of dozens of traditional dancehalls, meaning that increasing numbers of dancesport competitions now take place in school or local authority sports

But the biggest growth is abroad. While Britain can still boast the top coaches, Christopher Hawkins and Hazel Newberry, and the reigning amateur and professional world champions. Ruth Gledhill finds ballroom dancing with a fresh spring in its old quickstep

Marcus and Karen Hilton, the junior and juvenile fields are an indication of the growing threat from countries in eastern Europe and elsewhere.

In Britain, however, a child who makes it to the top of the ranking charts, such as Mark Ballas, U, who dances with Vicki Larman and is the son of the Open British Latin champions. Corky and Shirley Ballas, the rewards are high, with a life of international travel and sponsor-

ship on offer. According to John Elsbury, a member of the National Association of Sports Coaches, who

at an international contest

juveniles and whose own sons. Mark and Craig, have been British open juvenile champions, children show a "natural competitiveness". Writing in Dance Addiction,

published this month (£25, D&J Enterprises) to help raise funds for the Dance Sport Foundation. a body set up to support young British dancers. Elsbury says: "At whatever level they may be taking part, most children will want to do better than their friends or indeed than the last time they undertook

specialises in training juniors and

a test." He adds: "In Britain, unlike the



Tension mounts for Larman Ballas being tutored in some of the finer points of dancesport

often considered as something of a joke by boys, or something that girls do. As far as my own two boys are concerned, they have always been quite open in their school and social life about their dancing and the standard that they have achieved.

Whenever there has been any criticism they have responded by asking, when was the last time you had a pretty girl in your arms or travelled around the world doing what you enjoy most.

"Dancesport offers more now than ever to its young sports-people and their future is as bright as any young golfer or tennis player."

uvenile entries to one event alone at the first important competition of the year, in Blackpool this month, have doubled. And dance schools are surprised by the number of young boys starting to take up the sport. Kathy Oldland, promoter of Champions of Tomorrow in Blackpool, said a record 160 junior and juvenile couples had

entered the beginners, four-dance and ten-dance events. Competitors include Ballas and Larman, the brother-and-sister team of Liam and Amanda Couper, respectively 11 and 9, and James Forman and Lucy Precey,

both 10. Oldland, of Trident Dance Promotions, said that the increased interest could be connected with Olympic recognition. "Young people, especially girls, like to do the kind of movement that dancing involves," she said, "But schools are reporting an increase in the number of boys coming in,

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RACING: JOCKEY FINDS SUCCESS RELATIVE AS MIGHTY MOSS LANDS CHELTENHAM HURDLE Hutsby adds chapter to family history

Ry RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

FRED HUTSBY, a 21-year-old farmer's son from Warwickshire, yesterday became the third generation of his family to ride a winner at Cheltenham - but not before he had given the New Year's Day crowd a severe case of the

Call it the confidence - or impudence - of youth, but after Fred had touched down marginally in front on Mighty Moss at the second-last flight in the Unicoin Homes Spa Hurdle, he decided to find out

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Be Brave

Be Brave looked an aboveaverage recruit to hurdling when winning at Leicester last month and the form was boosted when the runner-up, Native Charm, won comfortably at Windsor vesterday.

Next best: Beachy Head (2.10 Ayr)

how his four rivals were travelling. So he looked over his shoulder; not once, not rwice but about half a dozen times approaching the final

Just what Messrs Niven. Fitzgerald, Llewellyn and Callaghan made of repeatedly seeing the fresh-faced youngster looking at them is unclear. but in the stands the backers of the favourite began to get decidedly anxious - and David Nicholson, the trainer of Mighty Moss, was beginning to mutter the unprint-

A mighty leap at the last saw Mighty Moss go a length or two clear, only for Ocean



Hawk, the longtime leader, to renew his challenge up the hill. In a desperate scramble to the line, the favourite held on by a fast-diminishing head to save Hutsby's blushes. "I'll huy you a pair of wing nurrors," Nicholson said

pointedly to the amateur in the winner's enclosure. Despite Hutsby's antics, it is safe to assume he is in no danger of losing the ride as the

horse belongs to his father.

Ken, who spotted Mighty Moss during a day spent hunting in Ireland. "I saw his head poking out over a door l liked his ears. My grandfather always said look at the ears first and if they are

big, buy 'em." The intention was to send Mighty Moss point-to-pointing but when he showed enough speed to win a "bumper" on his debut, those plans

were quickly forgotten - and

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now he will be aimed at the Stayers' Hurdle. Fred's grandfather, Henry, rode St Coleman to victory at a Cheltenham Festival, while Ken partnered Miami to success at the home of jump

If Mighty Moss helped the Hutsby family to create a piece of history, the success of Brian Harding on McGregor The Third over the extended three

Mahler gives a polished display of jumping on his way to victory at Cheltenham yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge Select Chase was no less poignant. The jockey had been sidelined for 12 months with head injuries and only recent-

ly returned to the saddle. Before his injuries, Harding partnered McGregor The Third to victory in the first two runnings of the Sporting Index Chase and yesterday he enjoyed an effortless victory on the Gordon Richardstrained 12-year-old around the

When an arsonist struck at Jim Old's yard during the early hours of an autumnal morning in 1996, several horses perished and others suffered injury as they ran for their lives in the dark. Pete The Parson was one of those who survived but not before he fractured bones in a hind

leg. After an enforced year off, the nine-year-old has returned to action this campaign and, with a recent confidence-boosting victory at Towcester behind him, he confirmed he

Lo Stregone, winner of the Greenalls Grand National Trial at Haydock in 1996, is set to make his seasonal reappearance in this year's race. However, the 12-yearold, found to be suffering from a viral infection after finishing a distant fifth at Haydock last season, will not run in the Grand National.

has retained all of his ability by winning the Beech Road Handicap Chase by five lengths from Unguided Miss-

"This horse was badly hurt in the fire and as a result missed a vital season. It is tough running in handicaps without having had much practice over fences and Mick Fitzgerald] said his inexperi-

"But the horse has a hell of an engine. I have always loved him. He's a real crackerjack who is as tough as old boots and tries his heart out," Old

miles of the Sporting Index cross-country course. That Coral sold, page 40

when making all the running for a comprehensive defeat of Klairon Davis, the odds-on favourite, in the Jones Engineering Group Handicap

in the race, sponsored by the owners of Klairon Davis. Merry Gale gave a fine exhibition of jumping under Conor O'Dwyer to win his fifteenth race for trainer Jim Dreaper. The winner, who took his career prize-money total beyond £200,000, was only entered for the race at

MERRY GALE impressed the last moment when Dreaper noted that there

> Merry Gale, sent off at 7-4, increased the pressure after four fences from home as Klairon Davis, the 7-4 on favourite, began to faiter. You might not see the best of Klairon Davies on this heavy ground," Richard Dunwoody, his jockey, said, "We were struggling from the turn in as Merry Gale really

runner field, finished a distance behind the principals. Klairon Davis will have just one more run before

attempting to regain the Queen Mother Champion Chase title at Cheltenbarn according to his trainer. Arthur Moore. Dorans Pride was reported to be on course for Naas

tomorrow by his trainer. Michael Hourigan, who watched his son Paul, 17, guide the L3-8 favourite, Don't Waste It, to an easy win

Chase over two miles at Fairyhouse yesterday.

were just two entries for the £15,000 contest.

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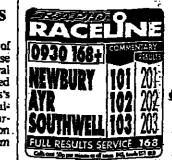
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HANAKHAM, the winner of the Royal SunAlliance Chase at the Cheltenham Festival last March, has been removed from trainer Ron Hodges's Somerset yard by owner Maicoim Brereton. The nine-yearold will miss this season



SOUTHWELL

12.00 Mutahadeth. 12.30 Joseph's Wine. 1.00 Benjamins Law. 1.30 Rambo Waltzer. 2.00 Pip's Addition. 2.30 Nut D'Or. 3.00 Head Gardener. 3.30

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in the First Crack Handicap

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

1.55 (3m 1/110yd ch) 1, Prime Example (L Wyer, 4-5 tev); 2, Alierbank (20-11, 3, Sniper (100-1); 15 ran 7t, 4-1, M Todhurter, Tote 121 50; £1,10, £3,50, £13,70, DF £10,30, CSF £20,42, Trio £251,40 CSF: £17.55.
2.30 (2m 4t 110yd ch) 1, Clare Man (T Jenks, 4-1), 2, Cattly Hang (3-1), 3, Arl Princa (8-1), Mammy's Cholca, Ten-nesses King 7-2 (-fav 9 ran, 31, 18; N Twiston-Davies Tota, £3.70, £1.80, £3.90, £2.70 DF £44.00 Trio £58.80, CSF: £37.31 Tricast £256.59

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C10.20 CSF, £15.31. 2.55 (2m ch) 1, Anabranch (L. Wyer 2-1), 2 Cumberland Bluss (2-1): 3, Fleve De Valse (33-1) Dual Image 7-4 lav 4 ran 3l, clist, J. Jetheson, Tore £2.20, DF £2.40, CSF: £5.64

\$25 (2m hdiet 1, Fen Terrier (R Supple, 11-3 lav), 2, Catherne's Charce (10-1), 3, Bricolin (8-1), 8 ran NR Bungee Jumper 1, 14 F Mutagh Toter \$2.10, \$1.70 \$2.20, \$0\$ \$27.20 CSF, \$13.78 Placepot \$17.50. Quadpot \$5.00.

Going: heavy, solt in places Song, newy, soli in paces 1.10 (2m 2l hole) 1 Dovetto (AP McCoy, 7-1), 2, Lyphard's Fable (13-2), 3 Spankling Buck (9-1) Walter's Destry 2-1 tay 9 ran 61 dist A Price Toke 26 60 20 40, 21 80 61 80 DF, 243 80 CSF, 247 64 Treast, 2378 74 Tho £51 80 140 (2m 2) holes 1 Coeu, Battant (V Statten, 8-1) 2. Alexi's Memor (7-1), 3. Musical Monarch (2-1) and 4 Parssan (10-1) 16 ran 3 51 R Bailer Tota 25 50 51 10, 61 60, 61 60 63 80 DF 611 50 7no 621 70 CSF 66 60 Tricest 5152.38

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210 (2m 71 110)/d chi 1 Pennymoor Prince (J Frost 7-1), 2, Tardaff Express (160-30), 3, The Proms (12-1) Joiver 8-11 fav 6 ran NPC Churchrown Charroe Ns, 3 it Frost Tote, 27-30 51 50 51 10 52 90 DF 510 10 CSF \$31.92 2.40 (2m.3) hope) 1 Tom Tailor IP Holley, 9-2) 2 Rambow Star (2-1), 3 Palaemon (6-1 tax) 9 ran NR Haddu 71, drs. D Sowarth Tote 24.90 £1.60, £1.00 51-90 DF £5.90 Tho £10.60 CSF £14.69.

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3.10 (2m 21 ch) 1. In The Blood (C Moude, evens tay); 2 Jacon's Boy (2-1) Only 74c Institute 5 ram Det 7 Hobbs Toler 61 80 61 40 61 50 DF 62.30 CSF 63 72 3.40 (2m 3t 110/ot hole) 1 Sadier's Realm (Mr R Widger, 6-4 (Hay), 2 Handy Lact (5-1) 3 High Low (11-2) Arts Sot a G-4 J-Cov 7 ran. 5t dist P Hobbe Tote E2 13 E1 40, 52 40 DF 56 50 CSF C12 96

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54 50 CSF 58,32 125 (2m 1) ch) 1, Persian Effe (8 Ferton 7-2) 2 Logosi Step (7-4 f-lay) 3 Pay Games (7-4 f-lay) 4 ran Hd 20 C Egenon Tote 64:00 bf 62:90 CSF.

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TRAINERS: D Murray Smith 3 withers from 13 numers, 23 1% M Johnston, 40 from 199 20 1% P Hastam, 15 from 67, 17 2%; J Glover, 15 from 92, 16 3%, M Ryan, 19 from 118 16 1% G Lewis, 5 from 22, 15 6%. JOCKEYS G Parker, 10 wavvers from 45 JOCKETS OF Patient, 10 winners from 107 noes, 22.2% D Hoskind 22 from 107 20 6%, PRoperts, 8 from 55 14.5%, Miss R Carl 4 from 26 14.2% M Tebburt, 8 from 59 13.6%, F Lymon, 20 from 156 12.7%. Alex Greaves, 15 from 113 12.6%

Sup (2m & 110) of b) 1, Hum N Haw (D Bridgwater, 5-2 lav); 2, Callena Star (7-2), 3, Inch Champton (20-1), 9 ran 71, 91, Miss A Newton-Smith Toles: 23.00, E1.60, 62.00, E2.00, DF £4.60 Tole £9.10, CSF; 211 217 41 110yd hole) 1, Major's Law (D. Bridgwafer, S-4), 2, Cassio's Boy (evens law), 3 (arand Cru (5-1) 3 ran, NR: Pomme Secret 20: 12 /R Skmpson, Tote-22:60 DF £1.10 CSF, £2.78 Placepot: £269.20. Quedoot: £19.60. Windsor Going: good to soft 12.50 (2m 5t ch) 1. Sounds Like Fun IJF Titley, evens (av): 2. Wren Warbler (7-1) 3. Phitaelic (11-4) 6 ran. NR: Hum 1V. Haw. 41. 51 Mass H Krught, Tota. 51 80, 61.20, 62 10. DF: 54 40 CSF 68 18

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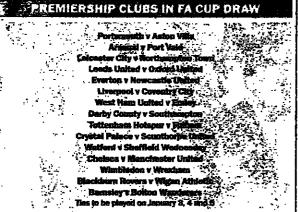
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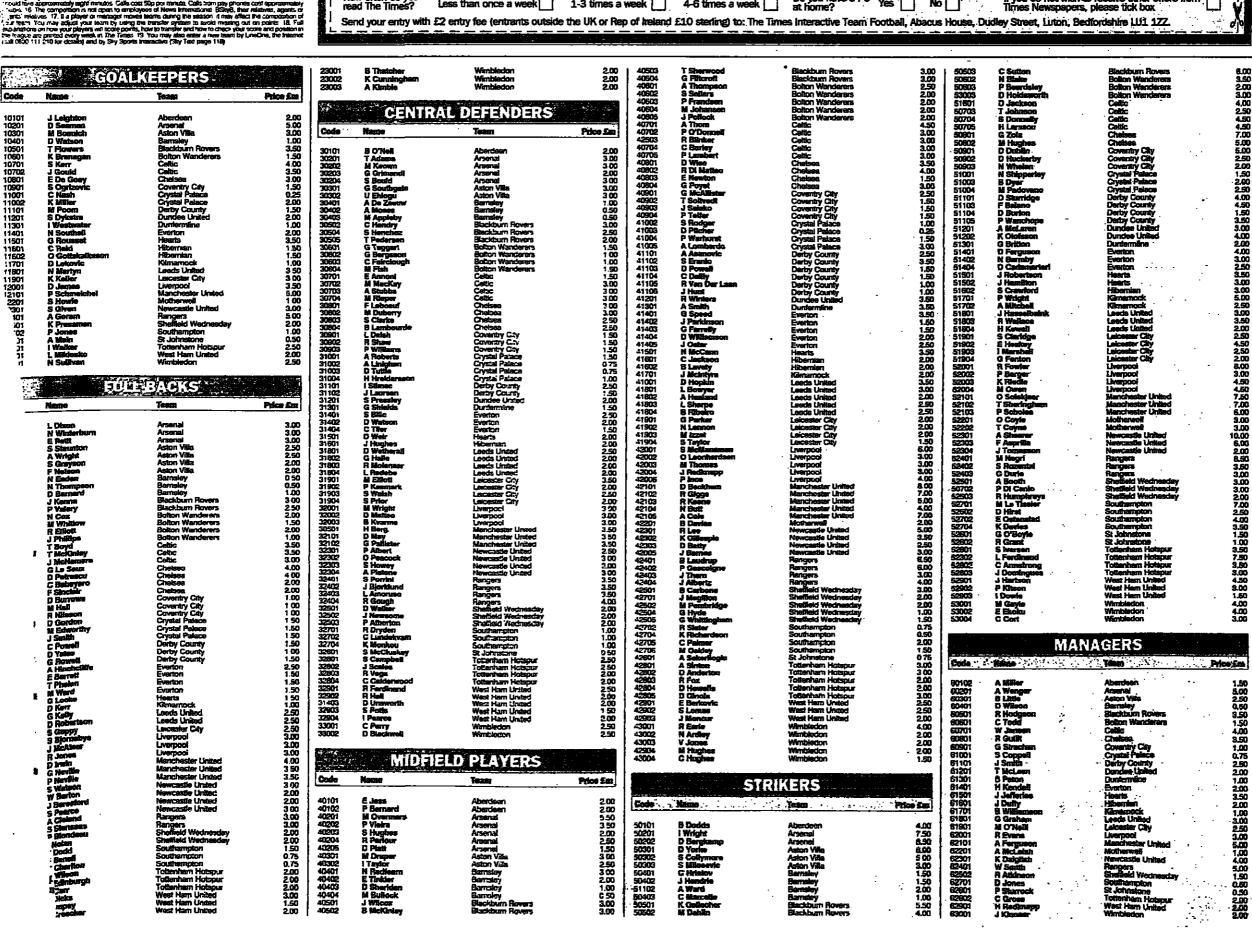
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ATHLETICS

Skah may yet run in Durham event

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

KHALID SKAH'S participation in the County Durham international cross-country meet tomorrow was in doubt vesterday after he was ordered home by the Moroccan Athletic Federation.

Skah, who is presently based in Paris, has been told by his national goveming body that he must join up with his Moroccan team-mates at a training

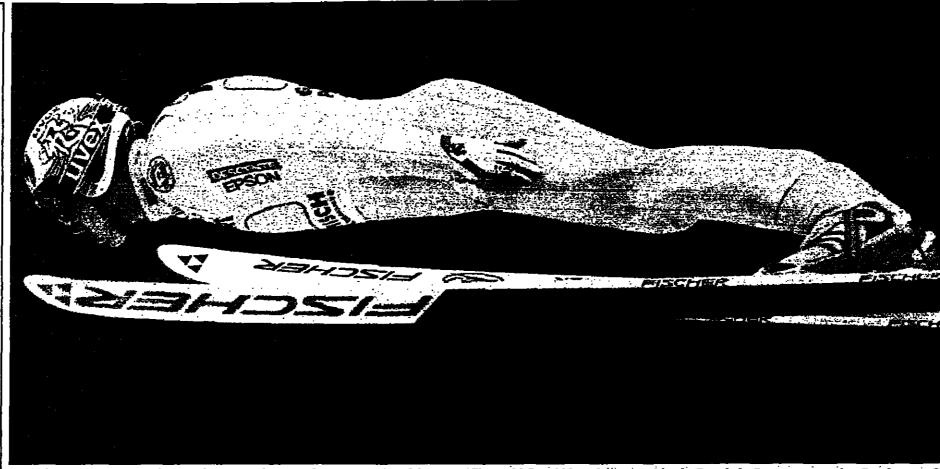
Morocco is hosting the world cross-country championships in March, and the Moroccans are keen to end the domination of the event established in recent years by Kenya.

Skah contacted the organisers of the Durham international to inform them of his predicament. He insisted to them that he is not prepared to accept the demands made on him and is asking his federation for an official reason why he must re-

It is a difficult situation for Skah. Having won the individual world crosscountry titles in 1990 and 1991, he would love to achieve a third victory on home soil.

However, as he pointed out to Nigel Gough, the race director, to achieve that aim it is only logical that he should be allowed to take part in IAAF world cross-country challenge events such as Durham.

Gough said: "The last I heard from Khalid is that he intends catching the flight from Paris to Newcastle this morning. He's extremely upset at what is going on and, as a senior international athlete and former Olympic 10,000 metres champion, he just cannot understand why he's being told that he cannot race in Durham



High-flyer. Kazuyoshi Funaki led a clean sweep by Japan in the second leg of the Four Hills World Cup ski-jumping competition in Garmisch, Germany, yesterday. Results; page 23

HOCKEY: ENGLAND LOSE MIDFIELD PLAYER IN WORLD CUP AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES YEAR

Miller denies rift with coach led to retirement

TAMMY MILLER has denied any suggestion that her decision to withdraw from the England team to tour Australia this month and retire from the international scene was due to differences with Maggie Souyave, the

national coach. Miller, 30, who was persuaded to return to bolster England's World Cup training party this season after stepping down after the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, said yesterday that she was unable to commit herself to England's rigorous World Cup and Commonwealth Games schedule for

the next nine months. "I couldn't give the necessary commitment." Miller, an actuarial assistant, said. "I was shocked to be left out of the original touring party and I spoke very openly to Souyave about it. But if there was to be any question mark over how I fitted in with her plans, it wasn't worth the

By Cathy Harris

gamble of giving up my job. I really wasn't confident I featured in future

Miller, the Clifton captain, has been capped more than 160 times for England and Great Britain. "I'm not bitter about it and I like Souyave." she said. "I've enjoyed ten really good years at the top and I'll definitely be going to Utrecht in May to watch

England in the World Cup. The loss of Miller's industry and craft in midfield will be keenly felt by the inexperienced, 18-strong squad where the emphasis is very definitely on youth. Souvave said yesterday that she may not replace Miller and hoped to speak to her in more detail about her reasons for withdrawing. 'No places are guaranteed." Souyave "I have to take things like injury, form and fitness into consid-

that's the end of the story. Now we have to get on with the World Cup."

Carol Voss, the teenager, who has withdrawn from the Australia trip because of examinations, has been replaced by Sarah Blanks, her Leicester team-mate.

The England indoor team, which will defend their title in the European indoor championship in Spain at the end of this month will be announced next week

Slough, runaway leaders in the premier division, begin the defence of their national indoor league title at Crystal Palace on Sunday. The newcomers, Doncaster, meet their northern rivals and former champions. Hightown, in their opening match. The top four clubs qualify for the play-offs at the same venue on the weekend of January 31 and

St Albans lead strong field for indoor trophy

By Sydney Friskin

SOME of the best indoor talent in adding to their laurels. Swansea, the England, Scotland and Wales will be Welsh champions, will also challenge seen at the two-day DTZ men's indoor invitation tournament starting tomorrow at Perdiswell Leisure

strongly.

The Midlands is well represented by Barford Tigers and Stourport, both well stocked with indoor special-Centre, Worcester, and Wyre Forest Glades Arena, Kidderminster. The ists Capercaillies represent further Scottish hopes while Hull add weight visit of a team from New York will to the challenge from northern England. Combined Services have add international flavour to the eleventh year of the competition. Murray International Metals, entered for the first time.

The 16 teams are divided into four from Edinburgh, the holders, hope to retain the trophy under the guidance pools with the winners and runnersup of each moving on to the knockout series. The third and fourth-placed of Andrew Stoular, their coach. They can expect strong opposition from St Albans, the English champions, East teams in each pool will take part in a plate competition. Grinstead, Doncaster, Harborne and

A fair play award for teams has Old Loughtonians, who have two been introduced for the tournament Scots, Hector and Ralph, in their squad. In addition, Sutton, Lee and this year in memory of Tim Hender-Morrison have all played for Engson, an official, who suffered a fatal heart attack during the junior World Cup tournament at Milton Keynes St Albans, coached by Andy Bowskill, are quietly confident of

SWIMMING

Director defends drug-test plans

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

COMPETITORS in the world championships, which start in Perth next week, will be subjected to the world's most comprehensive drug tests. Alan 🖁 Melchert, the event's executive director, said

"It will be far in advance of anything you've seen-because of the level of testing," he said. "We have been assured by the Australian Sports Drug Agency [ASDA] that this is probably as good as it

gets."
Melchert said that all winners and record-breakwide range of substances. There would also be randorn testing of the 2,500 competitors before and after events.

Melchert's about the thoroughness of the testing came after the Australian Olympic swimming coach, Forbes Carlile, said that extensive tests at the championships were likely to be a waste of money and could have the perverse effect of validat-

Carlile, a member of the World Swimming Coaches' Association, said that any drugs were likely to be masked at the championships or be out of swimmers' systems. Money earmarked for the drugtesting programme couldhave been better spent on earlier testing, he claimed.

spokesman insisted testing on the eve of the event was useful in detecting drug cheats. Chinese swimmers, who

go into the world championships having recorded five of the ten fastest times of 1997 in six of the 13 Olympic individual events, have been the target of most accusations of

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

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Wanted: 20 people to run the marathon as fundraisers

for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund



he Times has secured 20 places for its readers to take part in the Flora London Marathon and help raise more than the target of 55 million for the Diana. Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

The Times 20 will be part of Team Flora. in which all the runners will be fundraising for the Memorial Fund, one of the two official charities for the race next year. A special panel has been set up to select readers wanting to 'Run for Diana' over the historic distance through the streets of London on Sunday, April 26.

The Times will also publish the complete results of the race - from the internaat the front to the determined joggers at the back.

There has already been unprecedented interest in the 1998 event. A record 100,000 people applied to enter, including 20,000 who 385 yards. specifically responded to an



invitation to run for the Memorial Fund.

This year, it was televised tional heroes and heroines in more than 100 countries and 600,000 people lined the London streets to cheer on the 29,135 competitors, who ran from Greenwich to the Mall, triumphantly finishing the course of 26 miles

The fund-raising for the

Memorial Fund will be poignant for many of the competitors next year because they will be running on the streets where the coffin of the Princess was carried at her funeral on 10 years since she was the official starter of the 1988

Applications should not

come from people who have already been informed that they have been selected to take part in the 1998 race.

The names of the chosen 20 will be published in The Times on Monday, January September 6. It will also be 19 and the newspaper will then highlight some of the runners' stories and preparation in the build-up to the

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ance to win a place in the Diana Team should reach the following address by January 9, 1998: The Times Diana Team, Flora London Marathon, PO Box 5071, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 7FY. Judging will take place on January 14 and the winners will be

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EDUCATION

Mr Blunkett, please take note

John O'Leary on the call for a

pan-European pending initiative

ritish governments treat education more gener-ously than most of their counterparts on the Continent, but they are no more successful at ensuring that the money goes to the places that need it most. That is the conclusion of a report published today, which is intended as the catalyst for a pan-European initiative by teachers.

The report by accountants at Goopers & Lybrand examines education funding in 21 European countries, although the data is sketchy for some outside the European Union. Commissioned by the biggest teaching unions in England and Scotland, the study will be used aback demands for international guidelines on the way public funds are allocated

British teachers have long argued that, regardless of the amount devoted to education, money could be targeted far more effectively. There are wide disparities between different local authorities and different phases of education.

Coopers & Lybrand's findings are inevitably dated, since the most recent figures available when the report was compiled were for 1993. But spending over an eight-year period shows that the pattern is repeated on an international scale. Not only does the budget for education vary enormously between countries, but so does the way in which it is divided up.

Expressed as a single per pupil source for the whole of education, witzerland spends four times more than Greece and almost eight times more than Turkey. The United Kingdom is about midway

But bald comparisons of public spending can be deceptive - for example, Ireland's high spending in the tables, right, reflects the youth of its population as well as its priorities. On most measures, the United Kingdom is among the big spenders on schools and education generally. Only on pre-school education does it come out badly, and



Ready for school in France, which has set up education priority zones, to take account of socio-economic conditions

that has been reversed since the figures were compiled. In most of Europe, including

Britain, spending on education rose in real terms between 1985 and 1993. The trend has continued since then, according to the report. Yet the percentage of national wealth devoted to education has declined in the early years of this decade.

There may be any number of explanations for this phenomenon. including in Britain a decline in the school-age population. But the report's authors note that spending on education tends not to keep pace with growth in times of national plenty, but is spared the harshest treatment in recession.

The other noticeable trend is for more of the education budget to go on vocational training and tertiary courses, at the expense of schools. As in Britain, most of Europe has experienced an explosion in demand for expensive further and higher education courses.

With British controversy over the division of funds between primary and secondary education also mirrored elsewhere in Europe, the demands of post-school provision are an added complication. The division of education budgets has become more sophisticated during the current decade, with number of countries devolving decisions to lower levels of government or, in the UK's case, to schools themselves. But the authors conclude that this has not

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brought the degree of equity and fairness they might have expected in the distribution of resources. Throughout Europe, equality of opportunity has remained elusive.

Some countries, such as France, with its education priority zones, have attempted to take account of socio-economic conditions. Others,

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such as Finland, take particular account of special educational needs. But the report finds that all such systems are vulnerable to changing political priorities. The authors say: "There is con-

siderable, near universal, dissatisfaction over the way funding methodologies fail to reflect differences in pupil need. Given the essentially common nature of the problem even in different countries, there may be real scope here for a pan-European initiative."

As President of the European Trade Union Committee on Education and General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, Doug McAvoy is well placed to start the ball rolling. He knows that ministers will be rejuctant to do anything that smacks of surrendering national powers, but he is optimistic that Britain's presidency of the EU will offer an opportunity to address the issues highlighted in the report. He has already sent a copy to David Blunkett.

European Comparisons in Education Funding is available from NLT, Hamil-ton House, Mabledon Place, London WCIH 9BD.

Business class pays dividends

Iola Smith on how workers in Wales are helping their local schoolchildren

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THE sight of parents in the classroom helping children to learn to read is common in Britain's primary schools. But in Wales, business people will be joining them when term

restarts.
Business in the Community, an organisation with a proud record in education, thinks its embers could play a key role in improving primary pupils' reading, speaking and spelling. Backed by companies such as Associated British Ports and British Telecom, the organisation has devised its Enhanced Literacy Project, to begin next term in selected primaries in

Among the first o benefit will be St Mary's Church in Wales School and Cuthbert's Roman Catholic primary, both of which are in Cardiff Bay and serve a multi-ethnic and multilingual

community.
Julie Bowman, St Mary's head teacher, says: "Sixty per cent of our pupils are Muslims whose first language is not English. The adult helpers will encourage them to commu-nicate in English by listening to them read and discussing the

St Mary's business partners include managers from the Bank of Wales and doctors and nurses from Llandough

Hospital. St Cuthbert's is joining forces with the Welsh Health Common Services Authority, (Whicsa), a health service quango, which will send two people to the school for an hour a day. Lydia Bateman, a Whicsa manager and a St Cuthbert's volunteer, says: "We are based in the bay and this is an opportunity for us to get involved with the local community. We will be working with six to seven-year-olds, introducing a story and then listening to them reading in small groups. We'll ask them questions about what happened in the story and look basic grammatical forms and

spellings that emerge."

All the volunteers are being trained to work in the classroom by both the participating schools and Business in the Community. The companies are providing new reading books and are being encouraged to improve the school premises.
The Bank of Wales, for exam-

ple, refurbished St Mary's school, painted murals in the playground and

improved the pu-'We want to pils' garden.
"As the adult helpers will be supextend porting the same children each day. children's they'll see them progress," says St links with Cuthbert's head

> The school is also closely linked with Sedgwick Insurmanager from the company sits on the school's governing body and is helping Mr Cross to develop his management skills. Mr Cross says:

teacher, Tim Cross.

"It's useful to get management assistance to help with issues such as budget planning." Both St Mary's and St Cuthbert's feed Fitzalan High School, Cardiff, where BT is running a Business in the Community mentoring project for pupils. The intention, therefore, is to extend children's links

with the business community throughout their school careers. After the pilot primary projects next term, Business in the Community hopes that the literacy initiative can be extended nationwide - provided, of course, that enough businesses will become involved with their local primary schools.

THE SECOND SECURITY FO

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Thousands of students attended a recruitment fair in north London, but fewer than 20 went to a teacher-training seminar

*Low image and pay, hopeless children — it's not for us'

7 ideo screens flickered inside the Teacher V Training Agency's silver exhibition stand, displaying fast-moving images of life in school and the capital.

At London's Graduate Recruitment Fair last month, real-life teachers were also on hand to enthuse about their work to entice students back to the classroom. In some cases. acy were preaching to the sonverted, but many gradu-ates appeared sceptical of the glitzy approach. Only 16 of the 6500 visitors to the fair attended the agency's seminar on teaching as a profession.

The agency's task is daunting A recent report by the House of Commons education sub-committee said of the situation: There is a crisis in teacher recruitment." MPs were especially worried about the 11 per cent drop in undergraduate teacher trainees in October 1997. In mathematics a third of training places for teachers is unfilled.

The agency's presence at the Business Design Centre in Islington last month represented the cutting edge of its £10 million recruitment drive, which has already included a cinema advertising campaign featuring celebrities who assert "No one forgets a good leacher."

Among the most enthusiastic visitors to the Graduate Recruitment Fair was Sufi Mish, a 21-year-old genetics student The final year of his degree th Queen Mary and Westfield Queen London, He had allege. London. He had alPhilip Neville finds disturbingly little interest in teaching courses

"You are moulding people." he said. "I know that the pay is pretty poor, but if you really want to do teaching for what it really is, you have to accept Julian Lopez, a 25-year-old graduate of Leeds and Newcastle universities, visted the agency's stand. Although he

had been teaching English

ways wanted to be a teacher.

and French in Switzerland since February, he was not attracted to a career in British schools. He said: "State education has such a bad reputation. The problem is not so much the teachers or the methods they use, it's more

salary the children and the society from which they come. I have lived in the poorer parts of Newcastle for the past four years and I know those kids are not going to change overnight because the Government gives state education more money or gives better training to the teachers. The fundamental problem is that they

are the lost generation." Other mature graduates who visited the display shared his unease about the wider social problems facing teachers. Joanne Mitchell, 27, has been a social worker for nine

years and is now in her first year of a psycho-social studies degree at the University of East London. She was intrigued by the National Men-toring Scheme, which aims to encourage ethnic minority entrants into teaching. But she would not become a teacher herself. She said: "I am not looking for a stressful job. I have been a social worker so ! know about stress and I am not going into a profession that

does not have a 'More and good salary." Younger gradu-ates who arrived at more work. the agency display and a referred to their own experiences at pathetic school. Susie Bertos, a

> 22-year-old Leeds University student of Classics and Italian, claimed teaching did not "stand out" as a career. "When I was doing my A levels," she said, "teachers were complaining that they had loads of paperwork after school; assessments, things like that." Her friend, Premani Desilva. a 21-year-old graduate in ancient history and archaeology

at Birmingham University.

agreed. "I think teachers don't

get enough respect," he said. "I

know that the Government

just keeps giving them a bigger and bigger workload,

and the salary is pathetic."
For those seriously considering teacher training, the funding situation remained a drawback. Jon Woolfson, 24, graduated in Economics and Politics at Leeds University. He was pleased to discover that the Government's new £1,000 course fees will not apply for the one-year Post-Graduate Certificate of Education courses. But it still meant "another year of commitment on a tight budget," he said. "That makes me wary."

T onetheless, some graduates have been per-suaded. Brendan Carr. a 27-year-old history of art graduate from Leicester's Montfort University, worked for several years as a musician. He has already done some sixth-form teaching, and visited the agency stand because he wanted to teach history of art and eventually enter the educational department of a museum.

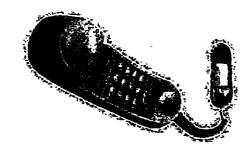
He commented: "I have found that I enjoy passing on my specialist knowledge about my subject, and after a lesson. feel as though I have got a kick out of it. It is a little bit like doing a performance: that is the kind of buzz. You can feel happy that you've done some

worthwhile work. "Obviously, there are quite a few teachers who are demoralised and feel a bit let down and disappointed. You just have to shrug off those kind of views and keep your own

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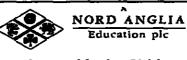
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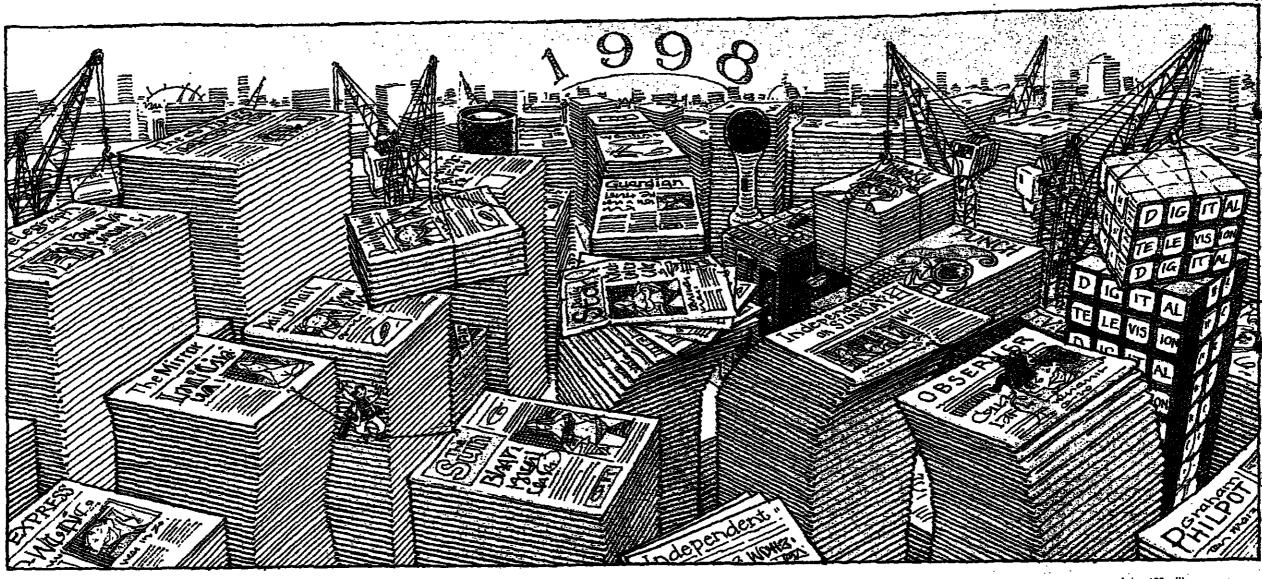
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Winners and losers in 1998



Eve Pollard. former Editor of the then Sunday Express: 1 hated the Louise Woodward story. TV may have been more to blame than newspapers, but the celebrating in Elton on the night her reduced sentence was

announced was unpleasant. Newspapers were as sexist as ever, both in their treatment of women as subjects and in employing them. Nicola Horlick was treated badly, as was Paula Yates. This year should see more magazines aimed at women over 30.

I presume papers are going to carry on writing endlessly about health. We will end up with the Daily Mail or someone writing a piece "Find out if you've got cancer" or sticking a thermometer

on one of its supplements. The press will get increasingly irritated by Labour's tight control on media and information. This might lead to more investigations such as the one into Geoffrey Robinson. One man who has already had lots of column inches can expect many more: Mohamed

Punch: Diana's death removed a certain amount of cynicism from the press. You used to be able to pick on people for no particular reason, but not any more. This is good news for proper investigative journalism. Punch, for example, will be more investigative.

Peter Mandelson's relationship with Tony Blair is not going to last. He has served his purpose now. If he needs a job. Punch will employ him. There will be a lot more

Geoffrey Robinson-type scandals. The future for weekly magazines over monthlies is very good, largely because production methods are so much better and cheaper.

John Slattery. Editor Press Gazette: The most significant events for the press were the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. and the arrival of new Labour

Political scandals, press mergers, growing disaffection with new Labour and the rediscovery of the virtues of the Conservative Party - pundits make their predictions for the year in government. The former themselves in glory in the way 🖪 James Steen. Editor of

> strengthened code from the Press Complaints Commission. It has been fascinating to see how the Tory papers have changed their tack after the election. Everything is less predictable with regard to political coverage. We w have Tony Blair writing in the Daily Mail and The Sun.

brought more pressure for privacy

laws and we now have the

In 1998, we will see more consolidation of the titles: newspapers will be owned by fewer groups. There will be a real squeeze on the red-top Sunday tabloid market, particularly The People and the Sunday Mirror. And if the Daily Mail overtakes The Mirror in circulation, it will change the whole make-up of the market. The middle market will have become the mass market.

Andrew Neil. Editor-in-Chief. The Scotsman: I expect 1998 will see the beginning of a harsh rationalisation of the

newspaper industry. For several years it has been kept buoyant by high advertising revenues and large marketing budgets, but when the predicted slowing of the economy kicks in, then these revenues will fall

It will become impossible to sustain the present market, driven by price-cutting and expensive offers. The weaker newspaper groups will obviously be hit hardest - The Independent, The Express (despite the good job done by Richard Addis) and Daily Star. now selling only 600,000 a day, will all be struggling to survive. Some will close, others will be taken over by people who think they can do a better job. Even strong papers such as The Daily Telegraph will suffer. The Observer and the Independent on Sunday will ultimately have

to merge. I imagine we will see a continuing growth in the magazine market -- The European crossed over to magazine format last year. A few years ago we had only soft porn and women's magazines, now young British readers are more likely to read a magazine than a

But the British newspaper industry is still the most complex. competitive and dynamic in the world. It may be in for change, but it is not in decline.

Richard Stott, former Editor Today, Daily Mirror: The Diana story was handled extremely well, with lots of good writing, good pictures. everything that is best about the British press. The way the Geoffrey Robinson story was pursued was quite right. though the New Statesman's coverage was the least impressive.

Newspapers didn't cover

remaining 193 will never get

John Humphrys, presenter Radio 4's Today programme: We will doubtless find that those newspapers that converted to the cause of Labour this year will find a rising number of reasons to question their move and throw a few more stones in the general direction of No 10.

They might even rediscover one or two virtues in the Conservative Party, even if only on the basis that there is no harm in hedging your bets.

I predict that Messrs Mandelson and Campbell will fall out with every other journalist of any renown in the first six months of this year, and the rest in the second half.

The digital age is almost upon us and we will be on the point of finding out if we are to end up like America, with 500 channels but nothin on any of them.

I hope that the good taste of the British public and the limitless wisdom of my own bosses will ensure this doesn't happen.

Paper roses and wooden spoons

ournalism's Oscars, the the records which showed Awards, will not be announced until March. Meanwhile. Paper Round, still reeling from the new year relebrations, makes its own. often lighthearted, awards for 1997 (which, for obvious reasons, mainly exclude The

Most prolific writer: Paul Johnson, who often thunders at least twice a week in the Daily Mail, contributes a weekly column to The Spectator, and who was also spotted last year in The Times. The Daily Telegruph and The New York Times. Runner up: Matthew Parris (Times, Speciator, Sun).

Most prolific freelance: Tony Blair - or should it he Alastair Blair (as in Campbell) or Tim Blair (as in Alleni, Articles with Mr. Blair's byline appeared in national newspapers on at least eight occasions in the last three weeks of December - in The Sun (twice). The Mirror (twice). The Times. the Daily Mail. The Independent and The Express.

Salary of the year: On transferring from the Daily Mail to The Sun and Sky Television, Richard Littlejohn is being paid a reputed 5800,000 a year. There has been no denial yet.

Most improved newspaper: The Independent on Sunday under campaigning editor Rosie Boycott.

Most significant political conversion: The Sun's switch to Labour.

Most hated figures: Paparazzi. They weren't driving the car but Earl Spencer said justly that they hunted Di-ana. Princess of Wales, to her death. She was in Paris only to avoid their cameras.

Biggest lucky break: Owen Bowcott of The Guardian. when he persuaded the Swiss receivers to let him inspect

that Lolicia Aitken had been in Switzerland and not at the Paris Ritz with her husband Jonathan Aitken in September 1993 - and which led to the collapse of Aitken's libel case against The Guardian and his political downfall. But luck doesn't just happen.

Scoops: Andrew Morton, Diana: Her True Story was based not on information from "friends" hut on taped Tabloid: News of the World on Robin

Bruadsheet: The Guardiun for Jonathan Aitken Neil and Hamilton.

Royal porter: Richard Kay of the Daily Mail. who was called by Diana. Princess of Wales. only six hours before her death and whose revelations about her were always

soundly sourced. Most warried reporter: Richard Kay.

Royal article of the year: Rosa Monekton (wife of Editor Dominic Lawson; in The Sunday Telegraph on her summer holiday with Diana. Syndication has so far raised £45,000 for the Heart of Kent Hospice in Maidstone.

Phrase of the year: "Dumbing down", meaning that the broadsheets were hastening downmarket to catch new readers. Confirmation: space devoted to the Spice Girls, Oasis, Versace, Elton John et al in The Independent, The Guardian. The Dails Telegraph and The Times, Necessary context; more space is devoted to political opinion, serious columnists, op-ed articles, letters, obituaries, books and the arts in all four papers

Oldie of the year (or there's life in the old dogs yet): W.F. Deedes of The Daily Telegraph, especially for his reporting of Diana. Princess of Wales's landmines campaign and her funeral. Runner-up: the splendidly grumpy Richard Ingrams (editor of The Oldie) in The

Nigel Dempster Award for best new gossip column:

Ephraim Hardcastle in the Daily Mail - short, sharp. feline, and often breaks news.

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Biggest con of the year: The Mirror, for adjusting a picture of Diana. Princess of Wales, and Dodi Fayed by computer so that it looked as if they were kissing.

Best innovation: The weekly Open Door column by lan Mayes, readers' editor of The Guardian. Mayes deals with corrections and clarifications and, every Saturday, with the concerns of readers about aspects of their newspaper. Runner-up: Andrew Marr's Letter from the Editor in The Independent. Treating readers as equals is an innovation that should be aped by other

Politician who most needs tender, loving care: The Lord Chancellor, as he responds to the European Convention on Human Rights with its direct threat to the freedom of the

Most pretentious use of English: The red. earthy. laterite' soil was kicked up as Andrew, Beatrice and Eugenie headed off into the distant Tuscan hills ... The Duch-ess of York in The Speciator. Sun. "W. Ankers, An Apoko-

consisting of residual insolu-ble deposits of ferric and aluminium oxides -- Collins. Most condescending byline: McCrum on ... in The Ob-

server Review. Literary editor Robert McCrum is always worth reading - but come on, Jocelyn. Is this really why we entered iomnalism award: Tara

Pulmer-Tomkinson's Social Diary and Winner's Dinners in The Sunday Times. Best new comic talent: Peter Bradshaw. for the spoof

Alan Clark diaries in London's Evening Standard. Nascent

media mogul: Andrew Neil, soon to relaunch The European and Sunday Business for the Barclay brothers and overseeing rising sales at The Scotsman and Scotland on Sunday. Memo to The Independent: warch your

Best new book on journalism: A Hack's Progress. by Philip Knightley (Cape.

Best debut: Lauren Booth. Cherie's half-sister, in The Spectator.

Fix of the year: The reporter who allegedly supplied the villagers of Elton with champagne when Louise Woodward was released from jail and enabled a distorted image of Britain to go round the

Apology of the year: Max Hastings, Editor of the Evening Standard, for publishing an article in a "moment of human error" which led to the abandonment of a trial of five IRA prisoners and an

gy: Mrs Jean Ankers has asked us to point out that "only a pervert" would find her husband's name the Worst Name in The World as our headline on October 21

"She has asked us to apologise to her family, including Mr D. Ankers, brother, Mr A. Ankers, brother, Mr T. Ankers. brother, Mrs J. Massey, sister, Mrs A. Dutton, sister, Mrs M. Ankers. sister-in-law, Mrs S. Ankers, sister-in-law. The Sun is sorry for any embarrassment caused to all

Most thought-provoking comments: "Spin means organised lying and the key word in that phrase is organised. All politicians in a democracy are obliged to lie but spinners lie systematically." Bryan Appleyard in The Sunday Times.

"Perhaps they aren't any good" — Jeremy Deedes, managing director of The Daily Telegraph, when asked by Media Week why sales of the tabloids were slumping.

Euphemism of the year Academy of Excellence at The Mirror. Nice idea but doesn't it really mean that subs (if there are any left) have to size up the pictures?

Spat of the year: Charles Moore. Editor of The Daily Telegraph, with Sir David English, chairman of the code of conduct committee of the Press Complaints Commission, and Paul Dacre. Editor of the Daily Mail. over tabloid reporting of the

Verdict: a draw. Dacre showed how the Princess connived with editors. Moore certainly got under the skin of the Mail

Sacking of the year: Will Self. by The Observer. Hiring of the year: Will Self.

hen Nicholas Cole-ridge, managing di-rector of Condé wonders just Nast, described magazines as "simply the hottest medium how many at the 1997 Periodical Publishers Association (PPA) confermore titles the ence in May, few could have accused him of overstatement. market can take This was the year that FHM's circulation jumped by 178 per

they handled the privacy issues

after the death of Diana. They

fighting their corner, and they

situation of the BBC Panorama

programme moaning about the

paparazzi and illustrating their

photographs. The Sunday Times

paparazzi using their pictures. Far

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Into 1998, the two grand old

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As for digital television, like

most people, I think I will pick six

Daily Mail's circulation overtakes

Express, are facing serious problems. The first real cataclysmic

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case with lots of paparazzi

too many twists over this.

ran scared too quickly instead of

cent to half a million, and sales of teen mags soared. Magazines served as inspiration for countless newspaper features and sparked the year's staple dinner party conversations. It was the year the figures confirmed what observers already knew - the British had gone mag crazy. In the first six months of 1997, we were treated to 344 new launches, and before the year was up we had spent \$1.7 bil-lion on a mind-boggling range of 2,300 home-grown news-stand titles - 400 more than Germany, 400 fewer than the US - plus 1,200

With IPC's Uncut barely six months old, there is news of vet another men's title slated for the near future (this time from Wagadon), claiming an emphasis on music and film as its point of difference. And this month, hot on the heels of Wagadon's summer launch, Frank, comes Emap Elan's women's monthly. Red, complete with promises to shake up the women's market" and to be "the biggest launch since

Marie Claire". Clearly nobody is too concerned about overcrowding, There's always room for a good new idea," says lan Birch. Editor-in-Chief of Emap Elan.

His optimism is understandable, Circulation is at an all-time high, paper prices are low and freely flowing advertising revenue is fuelling the market's growth. Today's affluent consumers like to vary their selection and buy more

mag, mag world Paul Staheli



Today's hottest medium

The seemingly endless ex-pansion of portfolios does raise questions, not least how long the market can go on accommodating yet more of what it already offers many

People have been say-ing since the begin-ning of the 1990s that the rate of launches can't continue, but it has done," says Jim Bilton, media consultant and adviser to the PPA. The general dynamics of the magazine market are geared towards launches regenerating the whole business. The profile a launch has in terms of grabbing the consumer's and the advertiser's attention means you get a lot for your

money, If proof were needed, he adds, look at Frank - the first issue shifted 140.000 copies, while subsequent issues are expected to settle to 100,000. Lindsay Nicholson, editor of Prima and chairwoman of the spend reading magazines."

British Society of Magazine launches keep the industry alive. "You get a trickle-down effect. When someone come fresh, everyone has a hard look at what they're doing and it moves the genre as a

But as new titles keep cropping up, credible points of difference from the selection aiready on offer become harder to find. A visit to the newsagent confirms the widespread repetition of ideas as an inevitable consequence of a saturated market. Condé Nast's GQ, once easily distinguishable in the men's sector. addressed its ailing circulation figures by taking on Loaded's Editor, James Brown, only to have the first issue's descent into formulaig laddism dismissed in the trade press as "all a bit sad". By its third month, Frank had also suffered criticism in the press, claiming its lingerie issue already smacked of the mainstream. From the women's magazines' tired treatment of the theme of sex highlighted in November's Social Affairs Unit report to the high incidence of covers featuring the same celebrity. the increased number of titles

to have enriched the choice of subject matter available. Only time will tell how long readers will continue to become excited by more of the and how long the market will continue to enjoy such good health. And even allowing for a death rate of two out of every three new launches, 3,500 regular news-stand titles is an

on the shelves does not appear

awful lot of paper. There's another big issue brewing - the retailer's ability to display a lot of these titles," says Mr Bilton. "And there must be a question as to how much time people can

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Out of Africa into global markets

Janice Hughes, aid worker-turned-TV guru, talks to Raymond Snoddy

n her twenties, Janice Hughes media services. Carrying out re-was listed on the files of BOSS, search in Singapore for the bid. the South African security police, for picking up prisoners on the run from the apartheid regime and driving them to Lesotho, where she worked as a development economist, running a women's rugmaking co-operative.

She was almost certainly also on the files of the CIA because of her position as an economic adviser to Havana Bank of Cuba at the height of the Cold War, when the bank had close ties to Moscow.

Later, she worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Zaire, Congo and Sudan, dealing with Ethiopian refugees during the time of the 1984-85 famine.

Now itt is a universe away from Hughes, who is in her forties. As cofounder of Spectrum Strategy, the international consultancy specialising in the media

communications, she is a multimillionaire, dresses in serious black business suits and operates with her partner, Kip Meek, from an elegant house in a mews near Hyde Park

Corner, in Central London. She is a member of the Government's Inter-Departmental Task Force on the Creative Industries designed to boost the UK's perfor-mance in one of the world's fastestgrowing industries.

Cambridge-educated Hughes laughs uproariously at the memory of an article on the Task Force written by the acerbic arts critic Brian Sewell. Bemoaning the fact that there were no men or women "of the arts" on the committee, Sewell added, even more sniffily, it also included "something called Spec-

trum Strategy".

The Evening Standard may not have heard of Spectrum, but increasingly the largest players in the global

Hughes is now advising the world's largest television company, Globo of Brazil, on its telecommunications strategy for the next ten years. Spectrum has also been working on a bid submitted (against stiff opposition) earlier this week by BT and three local groups for an advanced telephone network for Singapore, complete with multi-

search in Singapore for the bid, Hughes was amazed by the way the Internet was unleashing creativity in

Here in the UK. Spectrum is now finalising its third annual survey, for the Department of Trade and Indus-try, of how British businesses rate internationally in their use of the Internet. Everyone, Hughes believes. is about five years behind the US, but the UK is probably second among the major economies, with Japan making great strides to catch up and the French lagging a long way behind.

The deregulation of telecommuni-cations and an open culture have been a great asset for the UK, as has the appearance of a range of high technology computer companies in Britain, "although it hasn't quite come together and there is still a gap with respect to ven

> Hughes says. Her first encounter with the media height of the Ethiopian refugee problem she came to London to try to

capital",

interest Panorama in a documentary on the suffering in the camps, the corruption surrounding food aid and, she claims, children being shipped off to slavery in Saudi Arabia. To no avail.

"Thank goodness Bob Geldof came. That's what it takes - someone famous," she says. It was that experience, combined with a failure to get her complaints taken seriously by the UN, that brought her back to London and unemployment, feeling "wrung-out and powerless".

fter answering an adver-tisement, she became managing director of the Economist Advisory Group where she met Bryan Carsberg, the future Director-General of Oftel, the telecommunications regulatory body. He advised her to specialise in telecoms and media. Later, at international consultants

Booz Allen, she advised Carlton in its bid against Thames Television for the London weekday ITV licence and helped HTV to defend its licence. At consultants Coopers & Lybrand, Meek was handling seven bids and



Janice Hughes, co-founder of Spectrum Strategy, still has African development close to her heart

lost only one - Thames Television. They came together to found pectrum, almost effortlessly, over lunch at the Edinburgh Television Pestival in 1993. Hughes's husband Stephen Taylor, a television producer, knew both and said they would

Spectrum has grown from a staff of 11 to 45 in four years and in that time only four people have left. It is.. the sort of place where one of the staff was recently given a six-month sabbatical to teach in a school for the blind in Tanzania.

Surveying the media scene in UK at the turn of the year Hughes has worries about the rash of digital television projects due to launch this year. Digital satellite, which plans to offer 200 channels, could have a problem, she reckons. Consumer uptake of digital television has been poor worldwide. She says: "A lot of

customers may say: Tve got my satellite dish. I don't want any more of that. I'm quite happy with the movies and the Premier League'."

She is also concerned about digital terrestrial television, which plans to launch 30 new channels this year. "Underlying consumer behaviour is untried and untested. We don't know whether consumers will buy digital terrestrial or not." says Hughes.

Cable, she forecasts, will become an increasing problem for BT. The cable industry now has more than three million telephone lines installed. If that were to double to six million, BT would "really hurt".

But she believes that ITV is still in a hugely powerful position as the television audience continues to fragment amid a plethora of channels. Its main challenge will come from Channel 5 and from Channel 4 which will be even more of a threat

now that it has more money to spend on British programmes.

She thinks that in five years television-on-demand — being able to choose the programme you want when you want it - will become commonplace and represent "a real sea-change" for the television industry. By then she estimates that at least 20 per cent of Britons will be regularly using the Internet. This will enhance, she suggests, the role of newspapers and magazines.

Hughes hopes, eventually, to split her time between communications consultancy and her first love development work in Africa.

She has never completely lost touch with her early working life. She spent part of the Christmas period on a farm in Kenya, where more than 20 years ago she was responsible for providing water with a windmill project.

Comings, goings, gongs

THE past year has been an extraordinary one on the media merry-go-round. Chris Evans found himself in control of Virgin Radio. mainly because he did not fancy working on Fridays at the BBC. Michael Grade decided that the intellectual challenge of running bingo clubs and Blackpool Tower as executive chairman of First Leisure was superior to

being head of Channel 4. Sam Chisholm left BSkyB after saving the company. Now his task, working with Mr Grade, is to find something to put in the Millenni-um Dome. Mr Grade's departure made a dream come true for Michael Jackson, who once earned E25 a week lobbying for the creation of the channel he now heads. Mr Jackson's deparpaign jet - at normal commercial rates, of course and signed an unfashionable "Business Backs the Tories" letter to the Daily

There were also two rising stars in major media dynasties - Jonathan Harmsworth, scion of the owning family at the Daily Mail and General Trust, became deputy managing director of the London Evening Standard, and Lachlan Murdoch became executive chairman of News Corporation's interests in Australia and the frontrunner to succeed his father, Rupert.

But in a year when it was hard to escape talk of the Internet and the Teletubbies, it was reassuring to find that the two real



that Alan Yentob, successful Controller of both BBC1 and BBC2 got the top job he should have had before the Beeb embarked on yet

another restructuring. Meanwhile, Richard Eyre, former chief executive of Capital Radio and a television novice, has given himself 100 days - which runs out in two weeks - to sort out the declining ITV. But the career prospects of the chief executive of the ITV Network Centre should be fine, at least until mid-1998. Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, says he will back Mr Eyre "as long

Perhaps the most dramatic arrival of the year was that of Marjorie Scardino at Pearson, the publishing and entertainment group whose interests range from the Financial Times to Madame Tussaud's. Ms Scardino, an American and the first woman to run a FTSE 100 company, has given herself five years to double the group's value.

Another significant depar-tee was Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of Channel 4 and British Midland, His hopes for a second five-year term at Channel 4 were a bit forlorn after he let John

the regional and local press — were of a more traditional bent. Channel 5 is special because it is the last, nearly national channel to squeeze its way in using existing technology before the digital world opens up. There may have been reception problems but it got on air, with only one postponement. Some bankers even talk about it being worth £l bil-lion by 2000. The regional press also deserves a gong, for managing to come back from the dead. Rising circulations are now becoming commonplace in the sector.

THAT, of course, was last year. Everything will be different now in digital 1998. Someone eventually has to be brave enough to accept the chief executive's job at British Digital Broadcasting, the commercial terrestrial television service due to launch in the final quarter of the year. Whoever finally steps forward will have 15 new channels to play with.

The greatest media challenge, however, falls to Mark Booth, Sam Chisholm's successor at BSkyB. He takes on an obligation to launch 200 digital satellite channels by "late spring".

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Is this the end for News at Ten?

ITV may again try to find a new slot for its flagship programme

he Independent Tele-vision Commission plans to stage a public consultation exercise if the TIV companies decide, as is widely expected, to ask formally to move News at Ten.

Such a consultation could delay any move for ITV's flagship news programme, and could also open up a political debate of the type that stopped proposals to shift News at Ten in 1993.

The attitude of the ITV companies could become clear this month after a review of all aspects of the ITV schedule by Richard Eyre, chief executive of the ITV Network Centre, and David Liddiment, the network director. The review aims to modernise the ITV schedule after five years of loss of audience share in the face of increasing competition. In particular, ITV's performance in attracting young viewers has annoyed advertisers.

Analysts believe that despite the advantages of having the main evening bulletin at 10pm — including the power of an established brand — it would be hard to make radical changes to the schedule without moving the programme. The main problem is the 9pm watershed that marks the time more adult-orientated programmes can be shown. Films or extended dramas starting at 9pm are cut by News at Ten, followed by regional news. When films resume at

10,40pm there is often a significant audience loss. The ITC has made it clear that it will have an open mind about any formal proposal to move News at Ten, as long as it has the support of all the ITV companies. However, the period of public consultation will be only one potential barrier to any change. Senior ITV executives point out that the companies are required not only to offer high-quality national and international news during prime time — usually seen as ending at 10.30pm — but also at regular intervals throughout the broadcasting day. Having a main evening news programme at 6.30pm and then nothing until 11pm will clearly not be acceptable.

Chris Smith, the Culture. Media and Sport Secretary, has made it clear that he, too. would prefer (although he has no direct power to intervene) a run of substantial news programmes from the national broadcasters throughout the evening. But there is also a financial barrier to moving News at Ten, at least for the next year or so.

Between 1999 and 2001 the ITV companies will be renewing their licences — a process that begins next month. They desperately want to reduce the amount of money they pay to the Treasury, £400 million a year at present, in addition to conven-

tional company tax. The ITC has been given complete discretion to value the new ITV licences and decide how much each should

pay to the Treasury. It is now being privately suggested that if the ITV companies come forward with an economic argument for moving News at Ten - that they will be able to make more money as a result - then that extra money will immediately be taken into account when the franchises are valued for taxation purposes.

The practical difficulties barring the way of moving News at Ten could give some of the ITV companies pause for thought.

The best and worst ads of 1997

1 BBC Corporate Perfect Day FOR A mere £250 appear-

ance fee, stars from Bowie to Bono crooned Lou Reed's classic to demonstrate the diversity of music coverage on the BBC, and what good value the licence fee represents. We all know it's an ad really, whatever the Beeb says. Given that, this beautiful piece of film was the commercial message that shone through loudest and with most originality.

2 Volkswagen "affordability" campaign

THE cleverest ads on the box. The woman fainting in Oxford Street, the hapless bloke in the dentist's chair, the woman hiccupping as she reads the paper and the poor Guardsman who re-sists anything the tourists can annoy him with, but has to glance at a passing bus with a VW price ad on it. Normally affordability ads are churned out as wallpaper advertising. This campaign demands that

3 VW Passat launch THE VW deteilmeisters and design kapitans poring over the contours of avocados listening to the sound of clunking doors and spectacle cases gave us some of the more memo-

rable images of the year.

4 VW Sharan hoarding YES VW, and its agency BMP DDB, again. This is the one in which the new lime-jelly Sharan people carrier emerged from the mould of the old VW Camper van. Instant heritage.

5 Virgin Atlantic "Grim Reaper" DISLODGED masonry is about to fall on the head of a man on a bench. Grim Reaper waits while man's life flashes before his eyes. And waits. Man flies Virgin and has packed in a lot. Grim Reaper nods off, bloke walks away.

6 First Direct "queues"
BOB MORTIMER'S queue-jumping antics prove that financial service ads don't have to be dreadful.



7 One-2-One 7 Ian Wright "WHO would you most like to have a One-2-One with?" became part of the language last year. You really do believe that lan

Martin Luther King. But would he listen? O Ikea O UNUSUAL ads that make fun of market research and reveal what our fur-niture tells us about our personalities.

Wright would want to talk to

9 Nike Parklife ERIC CANTONA and friends playing football on Hackney Marshes to Damon Albarn's soundtrack adds up to - arguably the best ad about football

10 British pork and beef

THE elderly couple dancing around their living room and the harassed dad trying to cook dinner for the family represent a brave attempt by the meat industry to defend itself from the Government's incompetence.

1 RAC TWO-AND-A-HALF minute "documercials" (yawn) wherein boffins and environmentalists muse on the future of the planet. A good example of the "emperor's new clothes" syndrome that afflicts adjand. Why did no one have the guts to say: "this is a

 \angle THE crassness of the script defied belief. The ad was pulled by Rover, but once seen, never forgotten.

3 Cheltenham & Gloucester "yeti" LITTLE Eskimo boy rescues yeti from bounty hunt-

ers. Yeti and Eskimo boy exchange knowing glances and walk off into the snowscape to begin a beautiful relationship. I wish I was making it up. Whose bright idea was it to actually show a yeti?

American Airlines
"cagle" YES, you really did see

people flying across the Atlantic on a giant eagle. This American import proves again that there's one language, two cultures.

5 "rising" A SMALL boy stands looking up at what amounts to the history of planes flying over the lip of a cliff. and waits in vain for a lit-

6 The Independent on Sunday THE 90-second ad depicts a bewildering burial service for boring Sundays. It may just bury the paper, too.

"7 Adidas "Henman" TIM HENMAN plays a killer tennis player, sweeping like a tornado through the grand slam tournaments. Yes, it is as ridiculous as it sounds.

O Holsten posters A ONCE much-loved ad campaign reduced to playing on swearwords. Sad.

9 Accurist SUPER-SKINNY model wears watch on her upper arm with a "put some weight on" tagline. The oke was as unfunny as all the post-rationalisation that inevitably followed.

10 Kleenex double velvet WHICH bright spark believes we care that our loo roll is dried in the air? • Stefano Haifield is Editor of





Grim but great: the Virgin Atlantic advertisement, in which holiday visions keep death at bay. Just grim: the crassness of Rover's "hostage" commercial defies belief

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Santa's bumper album bundles

bought Wham!'s greatest hits?

David Sinclair on the best of

the Christmas

compilation CDs t is a curious fact that while all eyes are on the race for the No I single at Christmas, the far more lucrative battle for supremacy in the album chart goes com-

pletely unremarked. One rea-

son for this is the stability of

the album chart. Since Nov-

ember the top three positions

have been monopolised by the

Spice Girls, Celine Dion and the Verve, all with albums that are well on the way to sales of a million copies in the UK. However, making up the backbone of the Christmas album chart are the "Greatest Hits" compilations which nobody talks about, but everyone huys. Last year produced a bumper crop of such retrospectives by artists including John Lennon, Hot Chocolate. Sting and the Police, Jimmy Nail. Robson and Jerome, Kenny G. David Gates and Bread, Bob Dylan and David Bowie, It is hardly a list of the most cutting-edge acts, but in cherry picking the best moments from an artist's career these "Greatest Hits" collections offer an appealing intro-

reminder, depending on your So, with the results now in. here is a critical guide to the winners of the "other" chart race: the seasonal scramble for the unofficial title of Christmas compilation of 1947.

ETERNAL Greatest Hits

(Ist Avenue/EMI 21798.

Released: October 20 Highest chart position: 2 Number of Top 20 hits: 14 UK sales to Christmas:

LEADER of the pack is Eternal's Greatest Hits. an album which fully justifies its gilt-edged generic title. The collection is remarkable not least for the swiftness of its arrival, just four years after the release of the group from Croydon's first single. Stay. Can they really have had so many hits already?

All Saints



Girl group Eternal in the foursome days before Louise went solo: top of the compilation album pops, their Greatest Hits got to No 2 and had sold 750,000 copies by Christmas

Having weathered the departure of founder member Louise Nurding in July 1995 Eternal have quietly turned into one of this country's most consistently formidable chart acts, despite the fact that their songs are mostly bought in

from a variety of sources. Although somewhat given

to tiresome power ballads à la Whitney Houston (I Am Blessed: Someday), they yield to no one in their street-smart delivery of high quality soulpop tunes such as Good Thing

TOP TEN ALBUMS Let's Talk About Love All Saints (Texas White on Blonde. Postcards From Heaven Lighthouse Family (Wild Card Like You Do . . . Best OfLightning Seeds (Epic)

no music no life

. John Lennon (Parlophone) Figure in brackets denotes last week's position

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and Angel Of Mine. Their recent chart-topping performance of BeBe Winans's song. I Wanna Be The Only One. is a rare moment of untrammelled vitality.

WHAM! The Best Of Wham! - If You Were There . .

(Epic 489020, £13.99) Released: November 24 Highest chart position: 4 Number of Top 20 hits: 10 UK sales to Christmas:

IT NOW seems strange to in the 1980s, Wham!, like Abba before them, were routinely derided as overexposed popmakeweights. The rapid sales of this compilation suggest

CDs reviewed in The Times can be ordered from the Times Music Shop on 0345 023498.

otherwise, and it would be a hard heart indeed that could not take some pleasure in such perfectly formed teen anthems as Wake Me Up Before You Go Go. I'm Your Man. Freedom and Last Christmas, especially during the party

Time often confers dignity on music from the lighter end of the pop spectrum, and clearly George Michael's early songs and the exuberant chemistry of Wham!'s performances have a far more enduring appeal than most pundits would once have about it next time you hear a cheap joke about the Spice

THE LIGHTNING SEEDS Like You Do . . . Best Of The Lightning Seeds

Released: November 10 Highest chart position: 5 Number of Top 20 hits: 9 UK sales to Christmas:

MORE commercial than credible and never entirely convincing as an album act, despite their indie associations, the Lightning Seeds are a group for whom the idea of a Greatest Hits" compilation might have been invented. Singer and leader fan

Broudie is a personality-free school, who can spin a pithy three-minute pop tune out of anything from a Sugar Coated Iceberg to the glory of Euro 96 and the England football team (Three Lions). Full of upbeat melodies, catchy choruses and untaxing lyrics. Like You Do ... is a monument to his canny craftsmanship, even if the froth does extend close to the bottom.

Paint The Sky With Stars -The Best Of Enya (WEA 20895, E13.99) Released: November 3

Highest chart position: 4 Number of Top 20 hits: 4 460,000 SOMETHING of a dark

horse considering its low tally of hits. Enya's Paint The Sky With Stars nevertheless scores high marks for seasonal resonance. With their drifting. pseudo-choral arrangements and gentle Gaelic lilt, numbers such as The Celts, Storms In Africa, Caribbean Blue and Orinoco Flow offer a soothing musical balm for the spirit. although to the unbeliever it may sound more like wallpaper music for a New Age

travelogue. Such quibbles of taste aside. Paint The Sky With Stars has further confirmed Enya's status as Ireland's biggest musical export after U2. The only compilation of these four by a non-British act. it is by far the most successful abroad, with worldwide sales already past the four-million mark.

• Richard Morrison's Week in the Arts column will return

Primo-time jive

NOW is the season to be jiving. When the day finally comes for George Melly to hang up his fedora and play the last of his new year residencies at Ronnie Scott's – the jazz world's annual pantomime - Ray Gelato and his big little swing band might just fill the gap.

Perhaps the singer-saxophonist should start buildiokes and some louche anecdotes about the early years of Surrealism. Like Good Time George, Gelato is not ashamed to be an entertainer. Jazz has grown so solemn in its autumnal years that there is no harm in being reminded of its reckless. beer-swilling youth.

In Gelato's case, the role model is the Italian-American handleader Louis Prima. known to generations of filmgoers as the voice of King Louis in Disney's The Jungle Book. He also made a posthumous comeback this year in Stanley Tucci's gourmet film Big Night as the man who never came to dinner. But his music certainly made its presence felt. Gelato, a stocky figure with a neat line in period

suits, captures Prima's vocal style perfectly on a boogied-up version of Dean Martin's hit That's Amore. If he is

The Ray Golato Pizza on the Park

man, he makes up for it with pungent tenor saxophone solos in the spirit of the old Alex Garnett looks after

the other alto and tenor

duties in a Brylcreem-era group which, in between the broad, occasionally over-eager comedy and ad libs, seldom skimps on musical values. Along with trumpet-er Enrico Tomasso and trombonist Andy Baker, he made the most of crisp horn arrangements on up-beat material as varied as Let The Good Times Roll and It Don't Mean A Thing If It

Ain't Got That Swing. Gelato has made a point of playing down the jumping live" tag in recent years; the band certainly has more to offer than that. Don't Let It Go To Your Head was suavely delivered in the spirit of Nat "King" Cole's mid-Fifties recording in which vocals and concise but expressive instrumental solos

are astutely interwoven.

CLIVE DAVIS

fights back

nding a year in which rock fought back fiercesic's dominance of the cutting edge, the Essential New Year's Eve extravaganza at Alexandra Palace wisely fielded a bill packed with guitar-friendly crossover acts. Considering that this event's parent company went into liquidation just weeks before new year, and that the original headline band, Black Grape, pulled out at the last minute, the oddly muted atmosphere was perhaps understandable.

Even so, the eclectic bill made a decent fist of capturing the essence of contemporary dance music. Its dominant flavour was the so-called "big beat" sound which has largely replaced the clinical minimal ism of early 1990s electronic

LIVE GIG Essential Alexandra Palace

music with distorted hip-hop drum loops and guitars sampled from heavy rock. The duo generally credited with pio-neering this muscular hybrid are the Chemical Brothers. who weighed in with a thunderous two-hour DJ set in the early hours of 1998.

Before then, though, several other variations on the big beat theme were also on offer. Fluke, the first live act on the main stage, demonstrated just how limited and formulaic this fashionable new genre can be, with an hour of moronic chants and grinding-

ly repetitive percussion. Thankfully, other live acts, such as Dirty Beatniks and the Lo-Fidelity All-Stars, seemed altogether more comfortable straddling the border between dance and rock. The former combined funky basslines, guitars and drums with energetic party spirit and gentle self-mockery. The latter married the punky sneer and boozy swagger of Oasis to punishing mechanical grooves and splenetic disco beats.

If any one act could be said to have epitomised progressive dance music in 1997 it must be Roni Size's Reprazent. This Bristol-based drum-and-bass collective topped a triumphant year of awards and critical plaudits with what was effectively the headline slot here. taking the stage in the main hall just after the new year audible Highland piper.

With their stock currently running high, Reprazent were welcome, even though this cavernous venue did scant justice to their whizzing collages of intricately textured. multilayered, electronic percussion. Much of their trademark craftsmanship was lost in the hall's booming acoustics, so it fell to singer Onallee and rapper MC Dynamite to carry the set with old-fashioned showmanship. As dawn approached other

treats included the live debut of the British techno pioneer Dave Angel and the eccentric antics of hip-hop prankster and one-man band — Les Rhythmes Digitales. But not even these exotic morsels could save this uneven event from adding up to less than the sum of its parts. Thus a confusing year in dance music came to a

suitably muddled end, STEPHEN DALTON

Meanwhile, is something stirring on the Complete Unknowns Coming Out of Nowhere front?

sometimes a diffident front

items marked down



Potentially great in '98 Saatchi Gallery, under the title

f you are a regular viewer of Top of the Pops, you will already know that 1998 is shaping up to be a joy. That is mainly because TOTP presenter Jayne Middlemiss has obviously been taken to one side and told to stop doing her "sexy" face after each link.
This "sexy" face, which has

caused pop fans across the country to writhe in embarrassed agony, consists of Middlemiss saying something like "I scream, you scream, we Scream!" and then contorting her face into something which is no doubt supposed to be suitry and alluring, but merely looks as if a member of the foot while wearing a pair of snoes made of barbed wire. piranna teeth and mousetraos. This has stopped, so we can at least begin 1998 without our fists stuffed in our mouths.

What else will happen in 1998? Well, printing presses will be stopped when one of the Spice Girls (the smart money is on Scary) cuts her hair very short; and Liam Gallagher slavishly follows John Lennon's Pop Star Rule Book and gets into conceptual art. We can all expect two fried eggs nailed to a wall in the

Our Patsy, by May. What with these inevitable thrills, and a whole slew of genuinely exciting bands, things are looking better than this time last year, when we all had to pretend that Symposium, Tiger and Bennet were going to change the world for the better in 12 months, rather

Catatonia, fronted by that duchess of the Cardiff council estate Cerys Mathews, are finally going to mark charts as their territory with sprays of glittering, malevolent guitarpop. and one of the finest voices to grace the small, sensitive bones of the inner ear since Biork first warbled in an igioo, aged two. The forthcoming single Scully and Mulder has X Files novelty value to grab the attention; the subsequent album, International Velvet, has so many transcendent moments that you will have to tether your legs to a

than slightly for the worse, as

pure joy. But of course, one can't levitute all the time. There are floors that need vacuuming.

hedpost, lest you levitate from

motorways that need driving down, and nights out to prepare for that need a boy-pop soundtrack. Catch - three teenage boys determined to replace the terrifying levels of gay kitsch irony in boybands with some indie/northern soul single, Dive In. out in January.



MORAN

They will probably be the only band playing the Millennium Dome in 1999 who are not animatronic.

And on the Complete Unknowns Coming Out of Nowhere front, there are three reasons to resist the urge to stake your ears on a losing hand at cribbage in the new year TV lull. The first are the Montrose Avenue, an absurdly good-time Byrdsian racket with harmonies so pure they exfoliate the soul. They have their second single out sometime in February, and if it is as good as the B-sides of their first single, they will pick up fans as easily as a hedgehog walking through a pile of marshmallows. The second are Air: imagine

if the theme-tune from Man About The House rolled up a around your living room at four in the morning. If a tiny part of you has ever longed to have a space age bachelor pad. in which you would hold parties that had Kraftwerk chatting about the US Cuban embargo at one end of the room, and Felt playing strippoker at the other end, then this is the soundtrack to that imaginary soiree. And as Air are French, it happily means that you can issue invitations with "Soiree" printed on them without feeling a tiny bit

nobby. Their debut single, Sexy Boy, is out on February 9. The third band are something very special indeed. The Unbelievable Truth are a

three-piece from Abingdon, Oxford, who have picked up the threads of rock's semiforgotten geniuses - American Music Club; the latter, spooked years of Talk Talk and woven an enchanting melancholic blanket from it.

It's the kind of music that. when played on a Walkman while walking through the fraught winter city streets, makes you glide like a god-dess. Although talking about a band's "musicality" is the kind of thing that should usually have you hiding under the bed, in the Unbelievable Truth's case it's completely cherishable: a vast, epic, limitless skill that means that their debut album, out sometime in spring, is undoubtedly the first gripping chapter of one of the 1990s' most eagerly awaited. on-going novels.

The fact that the singer and nain songwriter. Andy Yorke. is the brother of Thom Yorke from Radiohead only makes them more intriguing. It also confirms the suspicion that the Yorkes spent the entire late Eighties playing Scrabble with chord structures.

The fact that you got a record token for Christmas instead of a Lamborghini and Peter André's head on a spike doesn't seem so bad now.

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Hats off to the fruitcakes

hatever the self-appointed purists say, traditional panto has to star a Dame wearing a succession of insane hats, and include numerous references to the year's hit songs. I am pleased to report that in David Lambert's retelling of the old tale a warbling Robin Hood reveals to us what he/she really really wants. and that Desmond Barrit's Nurse Glucose, monumentally larger than life, plays one scene wearing upon her/his curly wig a green beret with all four Teletubbies on top. Pantomime is made of this.

Surprisingly, the story of the Babes and their wicked uncle is based on a true story, and the programme includes photographs of the bushes in Wayland Wood, a few miles from Norwich, where the abandoned infants survived for a time by eating blackberries. However, panto places their adventures in Sherwood's more famous woodland, and can thus join two legends together by making the Sheriff of Nottingham their dastardly

Colin Baker plays this villainous child-hater with gusto, commanding us to laugh at his jokes, and threatening the rows of children in the audience with monstrous punishments. I was glad to see that his niece and nephew are the proper age; not actual babes, of course — how could babies have picked blackberries? but not roguish adolescents either. They are supported by a dozen other tots from a local dancing school, who also portray the dolls from Toyland, a definitely old-fashioned collection. but perhaps Dutch dolls and wooden soldiers are traditional too. A lad l take to be Stephen Wiley, aka the

Babes in the Wood Theatre Royal, Norwich

Amazing Boffo, skilfully juggles balls, clubs and knives at the Nottingham Goose Pair.

Robin, as played by Lucinda "Neighbours" Cowden, slaps her shining thighs in the required manner but could not persuade me she would lead her merry men to victory. even if pitted against the lowestranking team in Quarterstaff's Division Four. But though the character is needed for the plot, it takes fun and games to make a panto memorable. That and a stream of glamorous costumes, some of which will come pouring on just for the big transformation scene or the walk-down. Peter Wilson's production is rich in these: bobbing wimples, motley, lads in claret tights, set against impressive views of Nottingham Castle's frowning walls.

But it is Barrit's effervescent Nursie who gives the evening its focus. Whether dressed in a cascade of citrus fruits or as a striped Belisha beacon (astonishing if you recall Barrit's bulk) or indeed as a Brownie stiff with badges: whether, perhaps accidentally on purpose, dropping his wig, or slurping coloured gunge over the two robbers in the wallpapering scene, he brings confident absurdity, bright beams of goodwill and genteel devilment to the revelry. His dance from Swan Lake, walruslike Odette manhandling a minnow of a Prince. is a pas de deux from

JEREMY KINGSTON



There is nothing like a dame: Desmond Barrit is monumentally larger than life as Nurse Glucose

MUSIC: Hilary Finch meets Diana Burrell, the fast-rising composer with a natural touch. Plus concert review

Tuned to the landscape

a dream. She was being led through ancient woodland in a cold northern landscape, and was brought to a clearing in which there was a great earth-mound. She struck the mound with a stick, and it gave birth willow-twigs. Her next piece. Barrow, was a strange Tippettlike musical rite for high bassoun, electric guitar, cello, drums.

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Barrow came to epitomise something at the heart of Burrell's music a primitive. rough-hewn language, often striated with the cries of birds and the tolling of bells, and swept, it seemed, by the biting winds from her native Norfolk. And with titles to match. There was Landscape, Scene with Birds, Shadow, Gulls and Angels and, most recently, the huge Symphonies of Flocks. Herds and Shoals premiered a year ago.

as featured composer in the Park Lane Group Young Artists Concerts on the South Bank, there will be at least one Heron for the spotting, and a handful of Constellations too. But there is also, on Wednesday, a trio for clarinet, cello niano ca tled Composition. Together with the new Flute Concertowhich will be premiered on Thursday at the Barbican, it points to a new direction in Burrell's thinking as she en-

ters her 50th birthday year. The Symphonies was, for Burrell, a gathering up of everything that had gone before. I leel my music has always been essentially abstract, but that I had to provide a focus, a title, some visual, extra-musical element in order to make it accessible." Burrell is now becoming wary of any title or programme note which might give the listener a misleading preconception. "So

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And next week, in her role I ve had to say goodbye to the s featured composer in the birds and the bells. And it's given me a marvellous feeling of liberation, of new energy." But is it possible for a

composer to write without any image to nudge them into action? "Well, there is always something there. For me it's a sense of sculpture, it's as if I'm feeling the sounds, moulding them, moving the material around, I write in pencil straight on to the neat score. Scoring — yes, even the word is significant." In her Clarinet Concerto Burrell remembers "scraping heavy lines into the sound texture. It really was a

physical process." Thursday's Flute Concerto offers as many challenges to the performers as to the listener, "it's as if all the players not just the soloist - are having a workout." The piece is written for William Bennett. who has to play three different flutes in the course of the



Burrell: changing style

players of the London Schools Symphony Orchestra, all of whom will be fully stretched, from the back desk of the violins to the tubular bells and the gongs - in water. "I hope the Barbican stage won't be flooded."

Diana Burrell is featured composer in the PLG Concerts at the Purcell Room (0171-960 42-12) all next week, and her Flute Concerto will be premiered at the Barbican (017)-638 8891) on Thursday

Ringing it in THE King's Consort's New

Year's Eve concerts have clearly become a fixed event in many calendars, and another capacity audience turned out to enjoy the latest. The theme, "Christmas in Venice", applied strictly only to the first half, but although we were transported to Dresden in the second for Schutz's Christmas Story, the latter has sufficient Venetian connections (Schutz learnt much on his various trips to that city) to make the

journey justifiable. Italian influence is evident in the recitative sections of the Christmas Story, delivered fluently and expressively by Charles Daniels. The other solo parts were taken well by Matthew Hargreaves (particularly splendid as Herod) and

Philippa Hyde (the Angel). The colourful instrumental dispositions of the intermedii brought fine playing from all the players, not least the sackbuts (Susan Addison and

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Paul Nieman) accompanying the pompous High Priests and the cornetti (Jeremy West and David Staffy. The events of the narrative were imparted with an admirable sweep by all the players and singers.

The Christmas selection of the first half, framed by three works of Monteverdi, embracing a madrigal by Giovanni Gabrieli, was similarly delivered with style. Even the limitations of the stage were handled ingeniously, with musicians entering from one side and exiting the other (like a restaurant, as King observed). to the accompaniment of an unannounced organ voluntary - a nice blend of the

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diminution in value of the rever-

sion when assessing damages for

breach of covenant under a contin-

foldings Act 1986, where the

the landlord intended to execute

order of Mr Recorder Burgess

sitting at Winchester County Court

awarded the landlord. Crewe Ser-

vices and Investment Corporation.

£15,940 damages for breaches of

covenant under a continuing an-

nual agricultural tenancy. The notice of appeal included the

following grounds: that the judge-erred in law in finding that the value of the reversion had been diminished by the tenant's breach

when no direct evidence of diminu-tion had been adduced; that the landford had failed to prove or quantify any diminution in the

value of the reversion; and that the judge erred in holding that the

value of the reversion had been diminished in the amount of his

own estimate of the cost of repairs.

Mr Clifford Darton for the

tenant: Mr Stephen Jourdan for

the repairs.

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Employer entitled to full credit

Digital Equipment Co Ltd v Clements and proper consultation had taken place there would have been a 50 per cent chance that he would have Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord

Justice Potter and Sir John

Balcombe [Judgment December 4] On a true interpretation of section 74 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 it was clear that Parliament intended that the employer who paid compensa-tion for redundancy on a more generous level than the statutory scale was to be entitled to full credit for the additional payment against the amount of any loss which made up a compensatory award for unfair dismissal.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved decision allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs. Digital Equipment Ltd, from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (The Times December II, 1906; Upper LCP, 2006 et heir 1996: (1996) ICR 829) of their appeal from an industrial tribunal which on September 6, 1995 had made an award of the maximum sum of Ell.000 to the defendant. Mr Clements, for unfair dismissal. Mr David Richardson for Digital Equipment; Mr David Chris-tie, instructed by the Bar Pro Bono

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that Mr Clements' employment was terminated by reason of redundancy on March 31, 1994. He received a redundancy payment. An industrial tribunal later ermined that the proper procedure had not been carried out and that he had been unfairly

The basic award, corresponding to statutory redundancy pay was, in the words of the tribunal. subsumed in the redundancy payment made to Mr Clements. At subsequent hearings the tribunal determined that Mr Clements' loss over the relevant period, from the date of dismissal to the date of the hearing and for nine months thereafter, including all aspects of remuneration, was £43,136 and the balance of the redundancy payment at £20,685.

For Mr Clements it was argued that the redundancy payment should be deducted from the £43,136 leaving a balance of £22,451; that figure should then be reduced by 50 per cent giving a compensatory award of E11.225. That would result in the maximum of EII,000 being payable.

The plaintiffs argued that the tribunal should first reduce the

loss by 50 per cent leaving a compensatory award of £21,568 from which the tribunal should then deduct the £20,685 leaving a balance of £883. The tribunal decided in Mr Clements' Javour. On appeal the Employment Appeal Tribunal decided in favour of the plaintiffs but that was

reversed on review. The instant appeal was heard two days after judgment was given by another division of the court in Ministry of Defence v Wheeler and Others (The Times November 19, 1997). Those appeals raised a

to the calculation of a compen-satory award for wrongful dismissal after a finding that a claimant had proved only a percentage chance that he would ave continued in his employment

had his dismissal not been unfair. In Wheeler the court illustrated the different results produced by two different approaches. It took the simple example of a servicewoman who was earning Ei0,000 a year and on leaving established a

civilian earning capacity of £5,000. On the assumption that she had a 50 per cent chance of returning to service life after the birth of her child, the Ministry of Defence's argument would result in her having been held to have suffered no loss at all, that is 50 per cent of her service earnings of £10,000 -£5,000, less £5,000 - nil. On the servicewoman's argument her loss was £10,000 minus £5,000 = £5,000. That was enough to persuade the court that the service-

woman's argument was correct. In the present case the basic award which was intended to equal the statutory redundancy entitlement had been taken into account by deduction from the redundancy payment which was made on a scale far more generous than the statutory entitlement. The question the court had to decide was whether an industrial tribunal was required to treat such a payment differently from the way the court treated the loss of

earnines claim in Wheeler. The question was whether the language used in section 74 of the intended that payments made by employers, which exceeded the statutory redundancy payment, should be deducted after the tribunal had decided the amount

section 74(1).
His Lordship considered that Parliament has drawn a clear distinction in the treatment of the excess of redundancy payments which had actually been made by an employer and the other ele-ments which went to make up the

A clear distinction was drawn in the subsections of section 74 between the said loss, that is "the loss sustained by the complainant in consequence of the dismissal which was to make up the amount of the compensatory award and, on the other hand, the compensatory award itself.

Thus the section provided that the excess of the redundancy payment over the basic award was not to be taken into account in ascertaining the loss but was to go to reduce the amount of the

Approaching the interpretation of section 74 even as a whole his Lordship thought it was clear that Parliament intended that the emplayer who paid compensation for redundancy on a more generous scale than the statutory scale was to be entitled to full credit for the additional payment against the amount of the loss which made up the compensatory award. Lord Justice Potter and Sir John

Solicitors: Mr Nigel Bains,

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that Mr Darton submitted correctly that the measure of damages for breach of a repairing coverant during a coning tenancy was the dim tion in the value of the reversion resulting from the breach: see Gooderham & Worts v Canadian Broadcasting Corporation [1947] AC 66, 83) and Conquest v Ebbetts

(1896) AC 490, 494). The judge had relied strongly on the Court of Appeal's decision in Jones v Herzheimer (1950) 2 KB 106, 116-117) where Lord Justice Jenkins had said:

We find nothing in the earlier authorities to justify the conclu-sion, as a matter of law, that in no circumstances can the fact that repairs are necessary, and the cost of those repairs, be taken as at least prima facie evidence of damage to the value of the reversion and of the extent of such damage. ..."

That was a case where the tenancy of liver rooms in a dwelling house had come to an end, and the cost of putting the rooms into a proper state was naturally taken as the measure of damage.
His Lordship referred to Doe
decd Trustees of Worcester Schools

v Rowlands ((1841) & Car & P 734, 739-740); Smiley v Townsend ((1950) 2 KB 311, 322-323, 328) and Con-Crewe Services and Investquest v Ebbetts (1895) 2 Ch 377, 383). Rolls, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Robert Walker

. Without going further into the authorities, his Lordship was sat-A judge was wrong to treat isfied that the judge erred in his approach to the assessment of nages. He relied too much on the general principle in Jones v Hercheimer.

uing annual agricultural tenancy protected by the Agricultural It was clear as a principle, but it had to be related to the very different facts of that case. It was clear that the law had moved on tenancy was of unpredictable duration and it was unlikely that (see Conquest v Ebbetts [1896] AC 490, 493-494) from what Lord Chief Justice Holt had said in Vivian v Campion ([1705] 2 Ld Raym [125]: "We always enquire in these cases what it will cost to put The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal as to quantum by the tenant, Mr Gerald Silk, against the the premises in repair and give so much damages, and the plaintiff ought in justice to apply the damages to the repair of the premises."

The permissible heads of damage and the measure of damages in principle had to be arrived at by an objective test.

Mr Darton submitted not merely that the judge was wrong in looking at the undiscounted cost of repair as a guide, but also that the plaintiff had failed to prove its case. He cited Lord Chief Justice Hyde Park Hotel ((1948) 64 TLR

It was plainly right as a matter of principle that it was for plaintills to prove damage. The problem was in relating that to the practicalities of the disposal of iness in the county court. inadequately prepared and pre-sented and they should not be discouraged from doing their best o-reach a fair and sensible result

Damages for breach of tenancy

on inadequate materials. Moreover, there was a strong public interest in encouraging litigants not to incur the expense of a proliferation of expert witnesses. unless the additional expense of time and money could be justified. The judge was wrong to treat undiscounsed costs of repair as a

sale guide, especially as he did not find that the landford was going to undertake any repairs itself. He would have been assisted by evidence of the effect of disrepair, caused by a tenant's breaches of covenant, on the value of the freehold interest in the farm if it had been put on the market subject to and with the benefit of the renancy, at the date of the

hearing.
But his Lordship was by no means sure that the judge needed evidence, beyond what was before him, for the simple proposition that a tenanted farm in a seriously bad state was worth less than a tenanted farm where the tenant

oniganors.

The judge had to do the best he could, just as the jury would have had to do when civil actions were heard by juries.

Where a landlord claimed damages for breach of a repairing covenant near the beginning or in the middle of the term of a long lease, he would, if he failed to lead evidence of diminution in the value of the reversion, run a serious risk

Where a tenant was defending such a claim towards the end of the term of the lease, he would, if he failed to lead evidence that the diminution was much less than the costs of repairs, run a serious risk of the court accepting that cost, or that cost only slightly discounted. as the best evidence of the diminution. In most cases the evidence before the court, even if imperfect and incomplete, would be more important than issues as to the burden of proof.

The present case was a difficult intermediate case. The future duration of the tenancy was imponderable. There was no evidence that the landlord intended to carry out the work itself and some evidence that it was not in a position to do so.

The judge erred in depriving himself of valuation evidence because it was not in the expert's witness statement. But his Lord ship rejected Mr Darton's submission that the judge was bound to award no, or only nominal damages, because the landlord had failed to prove its loss.

The principal sum of damages awarded would be adjusted to Ell,633. His Lordship would discount that by almost three-quar-ters to allow for all the uncertainties already memioned and vary the judge's order to award £3,000 damages. The Master of the Rolls and

Lord Justice Millett agreed. Solicitors: Burley & Geath,

Agreeing counsel's fee before taxation

Spath Holme Ltd v Chairman of the Greater Manchester and Lancashire Rent Assessment Committee

Curtis v Chairman of the London Rent Assessment

Committee Before Mr Justice Morland and (Judgment December I)

Counsel and solicitors had to agree the amount of counsel's fee before that fee might be taxed but that could, where necessary, be post-poned. Order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court did not require agreement on the fee before the process of the general taxation of all of costs was set in motion in accordance with the three-month time limit laid down in Order 29.

Mr Justice Morland, sitting with sessors, so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing the appeal of Spath Holme Ltd and Robert Curtis against the decision of Master Pollard to disallow counsels' fees on the taxation of costs awarded to them in their

chairmen of Greater Manchester Committee (The Times August 9.

Rule 2 in Part I of Appendix 2 to (i) ... no fee to counsel shall be allowed unless — (a) before taxation its amount has been agreed by the solicitor instructing

Mr James Bonney, QC and Mr Jonathan Gavaghan for the appel-lants; Mr Nicholas Bacon for the

rent assessment committees. MR JUSTICE MORLAND said that Mr Bacon had submitted that paragraph 2(1)(a) required agreement by the solicitor before the taxation process commenced although he conceded in argument that that interpretation created

practical difficulties. He submitted that Part V of Taxation" was part of the taxation. Part V began with rule 29 which was entitled "Commencement of

Under Order 62, rule 29(5), proceedings for the taxation of is were to be begun by producing the requisite document at the appropriate office. By virtue of Order 62, rule 29(1)(a) and 6(a) and Appendix 1, paragraph 1(1), the was the recited order or judgment of the High Court or civil division

of the Court of Appeal. Under Order 62, rule 2901 proceedings for taxation had to be begun within three months of the ment or order.

Although the general rule was that the bill of costs, signed by the solicitor, and counsel's fee notes had to be lodged at the same time as the "requisite document", under rule 29(7)(c) and (d), the taxing officer could "otherwise order" thus extending the time for the lodgment of the bill of costs and counsel's fee notes.

The practical absurdity of Ma submission was illustrated when a dispute arose between counsel and his instructing solicitor as to the agreed amount of a fee, That dispute was not

the judgment or order. The solici-tor was obliged to begin proceed-ings for taxation by producing the

He applied to the taxing officer for extension of time for lodgment of the bill of costs to allow for the resolution for the dispute as to the amount of counsel's fees. The taxing officer granted the extension of time. None the less because the "req-

uisite document" had heen pro-duced counsel's fees had to be wed. That interpretation of paragraph 2(1)(a) could not be The submission of Mr Bonney

was clearly right. There was a clear distinction between the commencement of proceedings for Giving a purposive interpreta tion to paragraph 2(1)(a) *before taxation" in the paragraph meant before the actual taxation by the

taxing officer or taxing master of counsel's lees. Solicitors: Drewitt Willan,

Manchester, Treasury Solicitor.

Meaning of 'shop window' for purpose of planning regulations

Havering London Borough Council v Network Sites Ltd Before Lord Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice Moses

(Judgment November 14) "Shop window" in planning regulations meant a window in a shop through which one could either see a shop or alternatively see shop wares displayed therein. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by case stated of the London Borough of Havering against the decision of Snaresbrook Crown Court to quash the convictions of Network Sites Ltd by Havering Justices on December 11, 1997 of displaying

advertisements without consent

from the local planning authority,

contrary to section 224(3) of the Town and Country Planning Act

1990 and regulations 5 and 26 of the advertisement had deemed the Town and Country Planning consent as it was placed on a "wall Regulations (SI 1992 No 666).

Mr Gary Blaker for the council; Mr Richard Langham for the respondent

LORD SCHIEMANN said that the respondent had erected an advertisement hoarding with the shop owner's name and logo on it on the flank wall of shop premises at 135 Hornchurch Road,

The wall in question had five small windows in it, each seven feet above the ground. Two of the windows had extractor fans in them and the other three windows let light into a store room. The respondent contended that class 5 of Part Lof Schedule 3 to the

1992 Regulations applied and that

consent as it was placed on a "wall containing a shop window". The question was what the correct efinition of "shop window" was. His Lordship decided that "shop window" did not embrace any window within shop premises as contended by the respondent. In the context of the 1992 Regulations "shop window" should have an ordinary and natural meaning and meant any window through which one could see into the shop

displayed therein. Accordingly the council's appeal would be allowed and the conviction restored.

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Mr Justice Moses agreed. Solicitors: Mr Michael Tink Havering, Hunt & Hunt &

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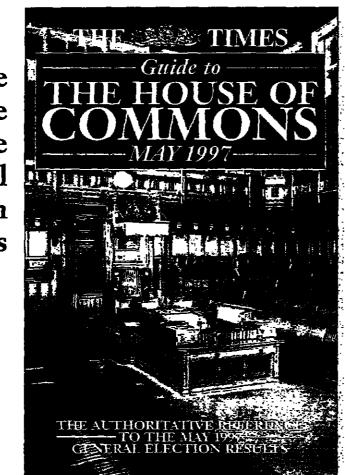
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Construction companies tell PFI to speed up

THE Private Finance Initiative, the Government's programme to bring private cash into public infrastructure building, has come under renewed attack from the construction industry.

PFI projects are still proving slow to get off the ground and the amount of project risk expected to be borne by business is unreasonable, the Construction Confederation has complained. It has given warning that some projects may be jeopardised by the clash be-tween business and the Government over how much risk is loaded on to contractors for schemes such as building hospitals and roads.

In a forecast for the new year. Paul Shepherd, chair-

Butte set for return to market

SHARES of Butte Mining, suspended since January 1997, may be set to make a return to the stock market later this month if the company successfully concludes negotiations to acquire two energy-related resource businesses (Martin Barrow writes).

Detailed terms are likely to be agreed before the end of the month, subject to due dilligence and shareholder approval,

The Stock Exchange has Butte's share listing unless the company is able to announce acquisitions by January 31. Butte is currently a "cash company" as defined by the exchange. It has been near to insolvency for most of the decade.

The company fought a long-running legal battle against former managers and advisers and finally settled the lawsuits this year after declaring itself unable to pay the legal costs. In the year to June iod for which accounts have been published, the company incurred losses lion on legal fees.

said: "The construction industry has committed huge resources to the PFI, but there are still a minimal number of projects that have been signed up. It is essential, both for the wider economy and the future workload of the industry not to mention the continued support of the major construction contractors - that the PFI really does take off by no later than mid-1998."

Although the Treasury has streamlined the previously much-criticised programme. construction groups are lobbying for further change.

The confederation's warning comes after controversy over proposed changes to accounting standards for PFI projects. Fresh requirements for public-sector organisations to take a large part of the cost of PFI on to their balance sheets would curb the amount of work done, builders have argued. The big advantage of the PFI is that the public sector can shift expenditure into the private sector, and such an accounting change would

erode much of that. Although PFI work will be important for the construction industry's prospects, Mr Shepherd forecast that 1998 will see "reasonable growth" for the industry overall after a patchy 1997. In spite of caution over effects of cuts in government funding on public-sector housing, he said: "I expect 1998 to be a year of steady expansion for construction."

JOHN FASHANU, the for-

mer England football striker,

has issed a writ against

Guardian Royal Exchange for

The writ, which has also

been issued on behalf of Mr

Fashanu's wife Melissa

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Pierre Bonelli's company, Sema, capitalised at about £1.5 billion, is one of the largest in the new sub-sector

New index for high-tech hopefuls

By Chris Ayres

INVESTORS hoping to spot the next Microsoft before it makes the big time will have their task made easier today, when a separate share index to follow information technology companies is launched.

The index, seen by many as long overdue, has been created by FTSE International, the joint venture between the London Stock Exchange and the Financial Times. Until recently, the Stock Exchange has not known how to categorise high-tech companies. Information technology businesses have often found themselves lumped together with recruitment specialists to domestic appliance manufacturers. As a result, many of

Former England footballer

issues writ for £600,000

to Africa with £8 million of

Centrust was not licensed to

hold depositors money, and

Mr Reynolds was eventually

sentenced to four years in jail in

1993. Mr Fashanu claims that

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In 1992, Guardian was fined

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from Guardian.

By CAROLINE MERRELL

the more promising companies have ooked across the Atlantic for a listing. In the US, the Nasdaq market is seen as

an ideal breeding ground for start-up technology stocks. One example is Yahoo!, the Internet information provider. which was started by two college gradu-ates in 1994 and now has a capitalisation of more than £1.2 billion.

Mark Makepeace, managing director of FTSE International, said: "The positive response to the new sub-sector led us to introduce the new index from day one of the introduction of the classification." He thought the index would help to raise the profile of high-tech companies. It would include information technology securities within the FTSE All Share index and will

Fashanu: "no compensation"

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day. There will be about 90 companies in the sub-sector, with a handful from the Alternative Investment Market.

Sema, whose chief executive is Pierre Bonelli, will be one of the largest constituents, capitalised at about £1.5 billion, while Stordata Solution will be vorth £5 million.

Markets already indicate that the index will benefit London-listed companies, with shares in the five biggest information technology businesses rising after FTSE International's plans were revealed earlier this month. However, the market for European software and services has grown at about 20 per

US judge gives ruling in favour of Baby Bells

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON

A US JUDGE has rejected as unconstitutional provisions of a landmark federal law that restrict the regional telecom companies, known as Baby Bells, from entering the \$80 billion long-distance telephone market

SBC Communications, one five Baby Bells, has welcomed a ruling by Judge Joe Kendali of Dallas, who agreed with SBC's argument that the was unconstitutional because it discriminated against the Baby Bells. The ruling, hand-

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ed down late on Wednesday, is expected to send shock waves through the telecom industry and throw into further disar-ray the Federal Communications Commission's efforts to break open the \$100 billion local phone market controlled

by the Baby Bells. Baby Bells from offering long-distance dialling until they opened their own local phone monopolies to long-distance carriers such as AT&T and MCI and others seeking to offer rival phone services.

Hotline is launched to catch rogue directors

A telephone hotline to catch defiant directors and undischarged bankrupts who disregard disqualification orders made against them is being launched today by Nigel Griffiths, Competition and Consumer Affairs Minister.

The horine will be open 24 hours a day to enable people to pass on information about directors and bankrupts with the intention of enforcing the disqualification.

Mr Griffiths said: "These

ecopie need to be caught and am confident that this hotline will make it much easier for concerned members of the public to help me, and the Insolvency Service pinpoint those who are trying to

beat the system."

The initiative coincides with publication of the latest disqualification statistics, which reveal that more than 250 directors have been banned by the courts from running companies over the past three months. The total number of directors banned under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 has now exceeded 4,800.

The Disqualification Hot-line is on 0845 6013546. HK Telecom's

£384m deal

Hongkong Telecom, in which Cable & Wireless has a 52 per cent interest, has agreed to buy Pacific Link Communications, the mobile phone company, for HK\$4.84 billion (£384 milthe largest mobile phone operator in Hong Kong. The ven-dors are First Pacific, which owns 65 per cent of Pacific Link, and Vodafone, the UK mobile phone company, which holds 35 per cent.

First Pacific will join forces with Hongkong Telecom CSL and together the businesses will have 800,000 customers Pacific Link earned net in-come of HK\$310 million in 1996. Hongkong Telecom said that the merger would yield significant economies of scale.

House forecast

House prices are expected to rise by about 6 per cent this year and by about 10 per cent in 1999, according to a report by Merrill Lynch, the investment bank. Prices will increase much less rapidly in real terms until about 2001, when, for a short time, they are expected to be flat, the report said. By the e 2007, "real house prices" will be rising at an average rate of 2.5 per cent. it said. Real house price increases are defined as the increase in nominal house prices less the rise in retail price inflation.

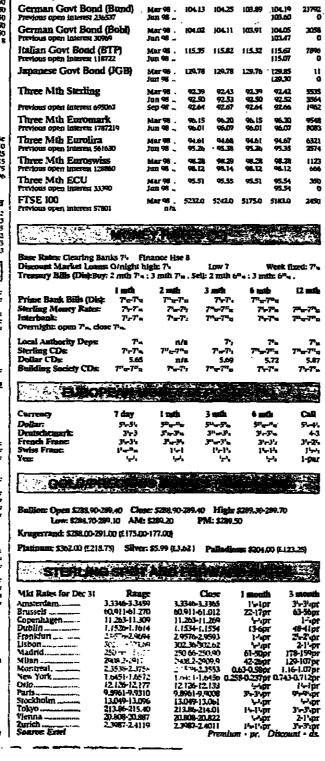
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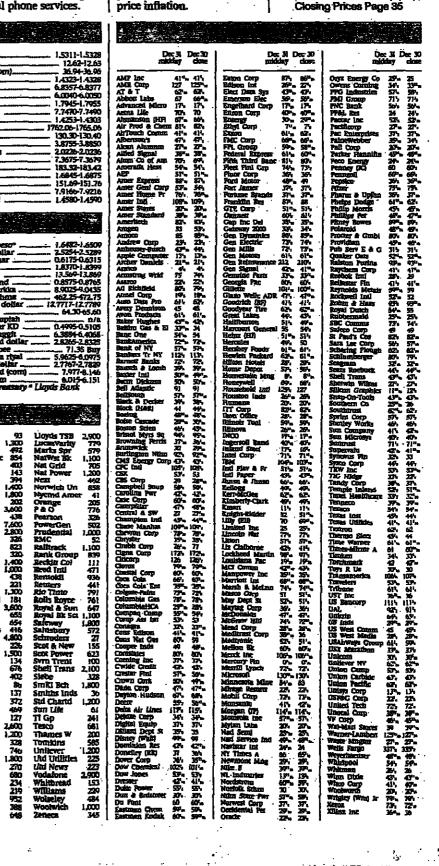
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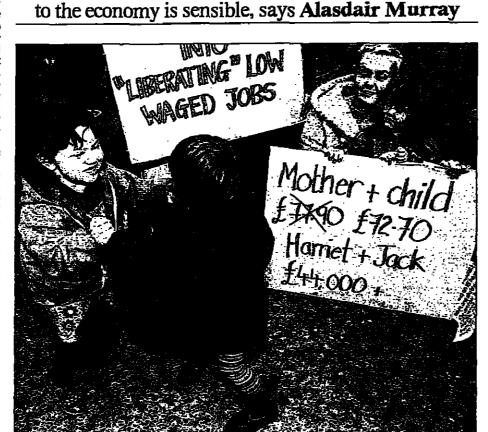
Iron Chancellor ruled Singers on the screen by desire to hang tough

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have finally under the battle over cuts to lone parent benefit. The wider issue of public spending still seems certain to be the hot political issue of the new year. The Treasury's spending review is not expected to be completed until mid-year. leaving ample time for scare stories to circulate in Westminster about other benefit cuts. The fallout from the lone parents cut has already forced the Prime Minister to try to soothe frayed nerves by claiming that Labour is looking to implement a "reform-led" rather than "cuts-led" agenda for the public finances.

Gordon Brown, however, has a second goal as he examines the spending options for the rest of this Parliament. The Chancellor seems determined to avoid the policy mistakes that led to the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) ballooning out of con-trol in the early 1990s. So he is adopting a highly cautious approach to the public finances. Mr Brown has introduced several policy initiatives to help to win this battle including a fiscal responsibility code. His tough words have won plaudits in the City. which has been pleasantly surprised by the Treasury's strong performance on spending and borrowing.

Not everyone, however, is convinced that Mr Brown is adopting a sensible approach to the public finances. Both the left of the Labour Party and Liberal Democrats have expressed scepticism about the need to keep such a tight rein on public spending at this stage in the economic cycle. They have suggested that Mr Brown's ultra-conservative economic forecasts conceal a much healthier underlying position. Malcolm Bruce, Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, even argues that the Treasury is so intent on avoiding "boom and bust" that it is steering the public finances on a course of "bust to boom" -- starving public services of funds now, only to shower cash on services just ahead of the next election. Mr Bruce believes that the damage this policy will inflict on Not everyone is convinced Gordon Brown's approach



A demonstration last month by lone parents against planned cuts in income support

the public sector "will take

vears to reverse" Just how tough the Government's current spending plans are proving only emerged with the belated publication of the departmental breakdown of expenditure plans. A number of departments will suffer realterm cuts in spending with the Department of Transport and the Regions and the Department of Environment among the hardest hit. Even the much-vaunted extra cash for the health service will still leave the NHS facing a rise in resources of less than 1.5 per cent in real terms. Andrew Dilnot, director of the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS), describes this sum as "well below trend", compared with a longrun average rise of about 3 per

The health service spending growth is also outstripped by a 2 per cent rise in the social security budget — despite the

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recent benefit cuts and the relatively low level of unemployment. The Government has acknowledged that it wishes to divert more resources to health and education, and on current trends looks certain to have to prune the benefits budget further.

eyond April 1999, the Treasury's spending plans are a blank, awaiting the spending review. However, the Pre-Budget Report did contain the Treasury's forecasts for revenue growth and the PSBR, and it is these hypothetical numbers that are coming under increasing scrutiny.

Critics of the Treasury fig-ures — who include Lord Barnett, the Labour peer and former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Labour members of the Treasury Select Committee, as well as the Liberal Democrats - have pointed to

a number of anomalies in the public sector forecasts. The Chancellor has appar-

ently ignored more than £8

billion that will be raised from tax changes. This figure includes £7.7 billion that will be raised over the next five years through the abolition of the advance corporation tax and £700 million after the freeze in the threshold for employers' National Insurance contributions, which are normally raised in line with inflation. The Treasury's forecasts for VAT income has also come under fire, with the Chancellor choosing to use a measure that assumes a long-term downward trend in receipts, even though VAT income has risen

this year. Ruth Kelly, a Labour member of the Treasury Select Committee, told the Chancellor - at his pre-Christmas appearance before the committee -- that the possibility all unhelpful to the public finances was "extremely unlikely". The Lib Dems have calculated that if the Treasury stuck to the Customs and Excise estimates of receipts which have been approved by the National Audit Office the Government could be £8.8 billion better off by the end of

the Parliament. However, it is the Treasury's growth forecasts that ome under fiercest attack. Mr Bruce claims that the Chancellor has deliberately built in a huge "buffer" in the public accounts by using "artificially low" growth targets. If the Chancellor had used the mid-trend growth assumptions contained in the Treasury's economic forecasts rather than below trend predictions - the Treasury would be left with £37 million extra to play with during the remain-der of the Parliament, while still achieving a PSBR surplus.

nevitably, Mr Brown has denied that he has attempted to conceal a "pot of gold within the forecasts. The Treasury has spent a great deal of time preparing research that demonstrates the dangers inherent in governments adopting an overoptimistic view of the public finances when the economy is performing strongly. This conservative approach has also received independent backing from the IFS. Mr Dilnot says: To argue that there will be pots and pots of money seems to me to be unlikely. If you want to believe that the economy will enjoy more substantial growth in the next few years. you have to believe that it is not yet at or above its trend level."

In fact, Mr Dilnot's main concern is that the Treasury may still have left itself exposed by raiding the contingency reserve fund for next year. "The fund stands at £1.9 billion which is very low," he says. "It means there is not much room left for emergencies." Rather than discovering the cash to enjoy a spending spree as the Parliament develops. Mr Brown may yet be forced into making further controversial spending cuts if he is to preserve his "Iron Chancellor" reputation.

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Answers from page 24 CACUDAD

(a) A species of wild sheep, Ovis or Ammotragus tragelafound in North Africa. The French form of the native name. "The maned moufflon of the Atlas, the Acudad of modern naturalists."

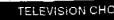
BOOKSY (a) Having literary or bookish pretensions, usually in a jocular or derisory sense. "I'm going to borrow Jack and snitch him away from your booksy conversations."

CRISTA (b) A ridge or crest. Specifically in various anatomical and zoological senses. The Latin crista - a crest. "In architecture, the crista, or crest, is the apex or highest part of a shrine. **GALPON**

(a) In South America, a building given to the use of labourers on a farm. The local name. "My father went to the galpon, the big barnlike building used for storing wood, hides, and horsehair."

SOLUTION TO WINNING

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BBC2, 10.05am

A curious subject makes a diverting documentary. It sets out to show how opera singers have been treated in the cinéma. The clips go back to 1905, with the Anvil Song from Siegfried. But, you will ask, surely films were silent until well into the 1920s? Indeed they were, but if the singers could be seen, and not heard this did not stop Hollywood. paying huge sums to Caruso and others to appear on the screen. With the coming of sound there was more point and it is valuable to have celluloid records of such celebrated voices as Gigli. Chaliapin and Richard Tauber. But opera stars could turn up in the unlikeliest of vehicles. The great Kirsten Flegstad sang Wagner in The Big Broadcast of 1938, sharing the bill with Bob Hope and W. C. Fields. A second programme, at 12.50pm, covers opera singers on TV.

BBC2, 7,30pm With its 2,000ft vertical face Mount Proboscis in northwest Canada is a challenge for the most experienced climbers and Barry Blanchard and Nancy Feagin are certainly that. Blanchard, a native Canadian, is a mountaineer of world class native Canadian, is a mountaineer of world class while Feagin is a outstanding rock climber from the United States. Their assault on one of the most difficult rock faces in North America launches a series of mountaineering films from around the world. As impressive as the feat itself, even if it is diminished by being edited down into 30 minutes, is the photography which records it. Whether going in close to record Blanchard and Peagin painfully clawing their way up wet and slippery rock, or drawing back to show them as specks on a forbidding rock face, the camerawork is sensational.

Game On BBC2, 9.45pm

Back for a third series, Bernadette Davis's flat-sharing sitcom could well be sub-titled Men Behaving Oddly. Martin (Matthew Cottle) is so hung up about his former girlfriend that his mates make him pay 50p into a Clairebox every time he mentions her name. As for the sexually inadequate

Bon Appetit Radio 4, 9.45am This is one of two series about France that are now running back to back on Friday mornings. I mentioned both last week (Writers France is the other one, at IGam) but I return to Bon Appetit

because the second programme in Kevin Connolly's series is even moore entertaining than the first. The series is about the mysterious fact that the French regard cooking as an art whereas we treat it as a way to prevent us falling over. Today's programme starts with the armoured truck Connolly is using in Sarajevo colliding with a French army vehicle. The result is not an exchange of insurance companies but a discussion about croissants and baguettes. The programme includes France's baker of the year.

RADIO 1

6.30mm Chris Moyles 9.00 Mark Goodier 12.30pm Mary Anne Hobbs 3.00 Deve Pearce 5.55 Newsbest 8.00 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Westwood: Pedio 1 Rep Show 2.00mm One in the Jungle 4.00 Clive Werren

6.00am Richard Alinson 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Alex,Lester 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is \$7550 Night (r) 9.15 Dracuts 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Hollywood Christmas: The Track of the Cat 10.30 Bob Hairis 1.00am Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00em Murray Walker's Grand Prix World (r) 6.30 The Breeklest Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 11.30 The Celtic Tiger 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Footbell Extra: Celtic v Rangers. Commentary on the Old Firm derby 4.00 Nationards 7.00 News Extra with Paul Herriey 7.30 The Politician, the Actress and the Bishop. Presented by the Tames columnist Matthew Partis (†) 8.00 Alan Green's Sportsalk 9.00 Fridey Sport. David Cales presents an FA Cup special 10.00 Paper Talk 11.00 News Extra 11.30 The Califo Tiger (†) 12.00 Alter Matthew 2.00 and 15.00 Kept with Technical Pather. Hours 2.00am Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

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TALK RADIO

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9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E fiel); Grenedos (Allegro de Concierto); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D)

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Sout): Rechmaninov (Matins, Vespers): Beethoven (Piero Sonata in C minor, Op 111).

12.00 Composers of the Week: Twentleth-Century American Song, with Brien Morton

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert, From Studio 7, Manchester, Andrew Ball, piano, Haydn (Pieno Sonata in A. H. XVI 26); Webern (Variations, Op 27): Brahms (Pieno Sonata No 1 in C, Op 1)

2.00 The BBC Archive. Geoffrey Smith surveys jazz recordings and jazz musicians in the BBC archive. Includes music and interviews from Duke Ellington and Cannonball Addeley, plus recordings of

and Cannorball Adderley, plus recordings of British ploneers Stan Tracey and Tubby Hayes 4.00 Music Restored. Anthony Rooley introduces rarely heard sacred music for voices and instruments by the 17th-century Balan composer Giovanni Felice Sances, Performed by Musica Fabula, under Jan Walters (r)

Samaritha Janus (BBC2, 9.45pm)

Matt (Neil Stuke), what he does with his teddy hear when nobody is looking may be fair game after the watershed but is hardly repeatable in a family newspaper. However, this show has never been noted for its delicacy, either in language or behaviour, and if the studio audience reaction is typical, the coarser it gets the better. Meanwhile Mandy (Samantha Janus) is £9,000 in the red but a rich sugar daddy is poised to help. There are even hints of marriage but this will be a very different sort of series if it happens.

Shirley Bassey: This Is My Life! BBC1, 10.05pm

Aside from that endlessly repeated mock humili-Aside from that endlessly repeated mock number at the hands of Morecambe and Wise, we do not see Shirley Bassey much on the box these days. One reference book records her as being in semi-retirement as long ago as 1980 and some of her biggest hits, such as As Long As He Needs Me and Goldfinger, go back even further. According to the same reference book, Bassey is in her sixty-first year but, as Mike Mansfield's film shows, she is still very active, still belting them out. The cameras catch up with her during a hectic schedule which catch up with her during a hectic schedule which takes her from New York to London and Monte Carlo. In New York she gives a concert at Carnegie Hall and enjoys herself at a post-show party with Ivana Trump and the drag queen. RuPaul. In more private vein she reflects on two failed marriages and her search for Mr Right.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Radio 3, 7.00pm

This is a recording of what most of the music critics regarded as being among the best musical performances at the Edinburgh Festival. It leadures the Kirov Theatre Orchestra conducted by valery Gergiev in an evening of works by Prokohev: two symphonies and the second violin concerto, played by Sergei Levitin, the star of the St Petersburg State Conservatory. The violin concerto is a terrific performance by Levitin, still only 25 years old, full of bold playing and rich tones. The second symphony represents Prokofiev's doomed attempt at modernism and the third acknowledges his failure to match Stravinksy's impact on the musical world as Prokofiev returns in a more musical world as Prokofiev returns to a more Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

6.00cm Newsday 6.30 Pick of the World 7.00 News 7,15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Music Review 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Westway 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News; News in German (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Children German (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Children in Conversation 9.30 BBC English: Speaking of English 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk: 10.30 Assignment 11.00 Newsdesk: 11.30 Focus on Faith 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Founders of their Faith 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 Nex. 8 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multiract: Alternative 3.00 News; News in German (648 only): 3.05 Football-Extra 3.15 Journey to the Centre of the Atom 3.30 Science in Action 4.00 News 4.15 Misdom of the World 4.30 The World Today; News in German wiscom or me words 4.30 the words today, rews it derman (648 only) 4.45 British Today 5.30 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Focus on Faith, News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Cutiook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Mustitrack Alternative 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 British Today 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 1.46 Scorts Beamble 11.00 News 11.00 News 11.00 News 11.00 News 11.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 Outbook 11,30 Mustirack Alternative 12,00 Newsdesk 12,30smr. From the Weekles 12,45 Britain Today 1,00 Newsdesk 1,30 Just a Minute 2,00 Newsday 2,30 People and Politics 3,00 News 3,05 World Business Report 3,15 Sports Roundup 3,30 Science in Addition 4,00 Newsdesk 4,30 The World Today 4,45 Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00mm Alan Mann. Includes the Trumpet Alarm Call and Breakfast Baroque 9.00 Henry Kelly, Includes the Hall of Farne Hour and Record of the Week, Plus, a recipe for apple cinnamon publishing 1.00pms Ustaner Request Hour 2.00 Concerto. Bech (Grandenburg Concerto No 4 in G misjor) 3,00 Caroline Bell 6,30 Newsnight 7,00 Smooth Classics at Seven with John Brunning 8,00 Evening Concert. Handel (Chandos Arthern No 5); Telemann (Paristan Quartet No 7); Bach (Keyboard Concerto in D minor); Vivaldi (Gloria) 10,00 Jane Markharn. Includes at 11,35 Noctume 2,00em Concerto (r) 4,00 Sally Peterson

4.45 Turns of the Century, Concluding the series celebrating great performers. Russell Davies looks at Eddie Izzard
5.00 The Changing Orchestra. Michael Hall looks at the London Phitharmonic and introduces recordings of it playing Berlicz, Haydn, Stbelius, Tchaikovsky, Elgar, Hoist, Mczart, Stravinsky and Beethoven under Thomas Beecham, Hamilton Harty, Eduard van Bekrum, Adrian Boult, John Pritchard, Bernard Haitink, Georg Solti and Klaus Ternstedt 6.30 Solti Resounding. Includes works by Mahler.

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7.00 Performance on 3. See Choice. A concert given at last year's Edirburgh International Festival.
Sergei Levitin, violin, Kirov Orchestra under Valery Gergiev. Prokofiev (Symphony No 3)
9.05 Poetscript. Ageing: Tastes. A panel of guisss
discuss their changing tastes in fiterature (5/5)
9.25 Haydin and Bartok. Anne Queffélec, piano.
Haydin (Sonata in D, H XVI 24); Bartok (Sonatina);
Haydin (Sonata in D, H XVI 24); Bartok (Sonatina);
Haydin (Sonata in E minor. H XVI 34)
10.00 Hear and Now, with Andrew Sparting, Includes Plerie Boulez (Cummings ist der Dichreit); Gyorgy Kurtag (Grabstein für Stephen), performed by Neifhettands Chamber Choli, Schoenberg Ensemble under Reinbert de Leeuw
11.30 Composers of the Week: British-Light Music 12.30am Kenton's Instovations, Last in the series profiling the pianist and composer Stan Kenton (r)
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9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Dises. Sue Lawley's castaway is Glorda Jackson, MP (r)
9.45 Born Appetit. See Choice (2/4)
10.00 (FM) News; Writers' France. Peter Lennon looks at some of the writers who have tailen in love with Paris during the 20th century
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current affairs with Mark Whittaker
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Mosel region of Germany 12.55 Weather
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7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serie presents extracts from the week's BBC radio and television
8.05 Any Questions? Panelists including Labour MEP Pauline Green and the journalist Joan Smith debate issues raised in Maldenhead, Berkshire
8.50 Second to None. The second of four programmes in which Sara Perker meets some of the standards.

iffe's stand-ins
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Keleidoacope Feature: Adventures in Motion
Pictures — A Short History of Dance. A profile
of the all-male dance company (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Playback, by Raymond
Chandler. The final part of Philip Marlowe's last
case. Read by Angus Macinnes (r)
11.00 Week Ending. A satincal review of the week's
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and Serah Parkinson
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11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick Herman and guests 11.45 Singular Women: Dora, by Steward Permut. Lesley Joseph recreates her stage role as Dora

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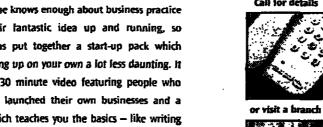
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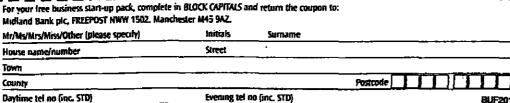
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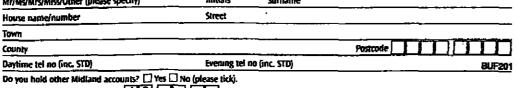
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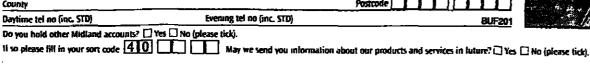
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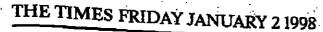












Visions of the past projected into the future

new year but not, as yet, much in the way of new A much in the way of new television. That comes next week (at least I hope it does), which is why the first day of 1998 was much in the style of the 365 days of 1997 that preceded it Carol Vorderman inevitably, Martin Clunes naturally, Mr Bean unfor-tunately and a brand new fly-onthe wall series in which the cameras follow the emergency services. Funny how you can go off a year so quickly,

The exception to this sea of familiarity was Equinox Special: The King of Chaos (Channel 4), part of a trend for documentary series to commission dramas, presumably to get the really difficult stuff over. This, however, was even more complicated: what the actors were acting out was not a play but an investigative documentary of the future. Not so much your runof the mill docu-drama then, more the first drama-docu.

It was set in the year 2012, far replicating software that allowed enough in the future to be different all those separate black boxes to but not far enough for its makers to have to spend a lot of money on hover-cars and Baco-foil suits. With Channel 4 apparently reluctant to hand over the leftovers from Cold Lazarus, Dennis Potter's expensive vision of a more distant future, what money they did have had all been spent on computer effects. As it was mainly about

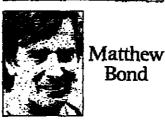
computers, this seemed sensible. So was the decision to keep the main theme relatively simple. Although superficially complicated by a thin veneer of politics, what this was really about was the next Big Step. Whoever consolidates all our modern technologies (telephone, fax, computer, television etc) not only becomes extremely wealthy but also extremely powerful. In the Equinox version of events it was Liam Keller, a former software pirate from Bulgaria, who came up with Gambit, self-

talk to each other. In real life, who knows? Keep an eye on your fiveyear-old son.

n terms of drama (or even drama-docu) it was faintly tedious, with several gigabytes of disbelief having to be suspended to stay interested in why Keller's body had just been fished out of West India Dock. But in the context of the current Equinox series and as a means of getting over some quite complex ideas about technology, the Internet and, particularly, the potential breakdown in the copyright laws, it was a considerable success. It also seemed to explain why there is no symbol on my computer key-

If the makers of the Equinox film had employed every dramatic device available to make their subject more interesting, the pro-

REVIEW



ducers of Timewatch: Search for the Lost Tomb KV5 (BBCZ) were guilty of quite the opposite. For what would eventually prove a quite fascinating documentary, it had one of the most lacklustre openings imaginable. The bland chronological narration smacked

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of the sort of co-production where taking creative risks is anathema. So we met Kent Weeks, an American archaeologist and veteran Egyptologist, whose balloon-borne surveys of the Valley of the Kings had revealed that several tombs indicated on earlier maps had mysteriously gone missing. So he went to the British Museum where the diaries of James Burton. an English adventurer of the early 19th century, described exactly the right one and gave its location. All that was needed was for Weeks to persuade the hawkers to move their stalls a few yards to the left and bingo. Actually it took two bingos, Weeks finding the entrance with his second trench. It

ward and distinctly undramatic. It was shortly after finding Burton's signature on the ceiling of a rubble-filled chamber that things began to look up. A trip to a museum in Italy (again conveniently) indicated that this could be the tomb of the sons of Ramases II. Then the excavation of a side room discovered the entrance to a mas-

was all improbably straightfor-

than 50 sons, the first-born of whom — if I've got this right apparently died from the last plague of Egypt. "But short of finding a murnmy with a bolt of lightning through it ... " mused Weeks, who, like his dig and the programme, was getting more

interesting as he went along.

By the time we left, Weeks had unearthed the biggest tomb in Egypt, two storeys deep and 150 rooms (Ramases had a lot of daughters, too). He had also just found a corridor leading towards Ramases' own tomb on the other side of the valley. Well, as a parent you never stop worrying, do you?

Those who watched and thought "I must go" will have quickly remembered that Luxor's tourist appeal has been overtaken by tragic events in recent months. So, in its own way,

sive complex of corridors and chambers. Ramases had more to begin its first complete story than 50 sons, the first-born of since the death of Iain Anders, who played Superintendent McVitie, last autumn.

It was a little unfortunate that this opening episode began with a conversation apparently explaining his absence. His appearance a few scenes later, therefore confused as much as it consoled, but was still most welcome.

Having survived the death of Mark McManus, who played the title character, I'm sure the series can ride the loss of Anders. although the wisdom and particularly the wit he bought to "The Biscuit" will be much missed.

After a ludicrous beginning (drug-crazed museum warden puts on Viking helmet to become axe murderer) this latest Taggart looks promisingly complicated. But perhaps I'll return to that next week - when the real television

BBC1 6.40am Ramadan: Faces of Islam (r)

7.00 News (T) (8891753)

7.10 Poddington Peas (r) (1275802) 7.15
Telefubbies (r) (2024598) 7.40 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (8453531) 8.05
Casper Classics (f) (7621753) 8.30
Mighty Max (r) (4567531) 8.55 The Rest Adventures of Johny Quest (r) (4586668)

9.20 Blue Peter Review of the Year (r) (1) (5041840) 9.50 Teletubbles (2126173)

10.20 News (T) (6396463) 10.30 The Shaggy DA (1978) Dean Jones plays a corruption-busting attorney who uses a magic ring to turn himself into a

dog. Directed by Robert Stevenson (1) 12.00 The Good Life Classic cornedy, with Felicity Kendal and Richard Briers (r) (1)

(22227) 12.30pm Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook Snooker star John Parrott and Neighbours actress Emma Harrison (1)

1.00 News (T) and weather (27803802)

1.10 Neighbours (T) (11806869) 1.40 Suburben Commendo (1991) Wrestler-turned-actor Hulk Hogan stars as an intergalactic warrior who visits Earth. Directed by Burt Kennedy (T) (3839734)

3.00 Vets in Practice (r) (T) (3260) 3.30 Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989) with William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy: The Starship Enterprise answers an emergency call and races to the rescue

of intergalactic ambassadors held hostage on a distant planet. Directed by George Takei (T) (441482) 5.10 Blue Peter (ī) (5782918)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (298024) 6.00 News (T) and weather (936173) 6.15 Regional News (964956)

6.30 Rent-a-Kid (1995) Leslie Nielsen stars as a hotshot businessman who attempts to-mend his cut-throat ways by taking charge of a home full of orphans at

Thanksgiving. Directed by Fred Gerber 7.55 Only Fools and Horses Another chance

to see lest year's three-part Christmas special (r) (T) (624937) 8.55 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates Hetty Wainthropp investigates her nephew's exclusion from school (T) (790005)

9.45 News (T) (178598) -Shirley Bassey: This is My Life! Cameras follow the Tiger Bay diva as she embarks on a whirtwind tour of New York, London and Monte

10.50 international Come Dancing (571314). 11.50 Carry on Behind (1975) More Carry On comedy with all the usual faces, directed by Gerald Thomas (350208)

1.20am Story of a Love Story (1973) Alan Bates stars as a family man living near Paris who becomes obsessed with a Bates stars as a rarrily management Paris who becomes obsess younger, married woman he meets in an art gallery. Directed by John Frankenheimer (850222)

2,55 Weather (9255999) 3.00 BBC News 24

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BBC2 6.55am Each Dawn | Die (1939) Thriller

s.55am Each Dawn I Die (1939) Thriller starring James Cagney as a reporter jalled for manslaughter. Directed by William Keighley (5467531)
8.20 The Rouning Townstee (1939, b/w)
Classic gangster drama with James Gagney as a First World War veteran returning home to New York. Directed by Raoul Welsh (11447918)

The Art of Singing Singing icons of the 20th century, as Christopher Lee (1/2) (2136821)

11.05 The Great Caruso (1951) Mario Lanza plays the opera singer. Directed by Richard Thorpe (81672802)

12.50pm The Art of Singing Memorable TV clips, including film footage of Maria Callas as Violetta during her appearance in Luchino Visconti's 1858 production of La Traviata (2/2) (6186173)

1.50 James Stewart: The Last of the Good Guye Friends, colleagues and admirers, including Janet Leigh, David Lynch and Frank Capra .lnr, recall the long and prolific career of one of the world's bestloved Hollywood stars (1) (3578376)

2.40 Winchester 73 (1950, b/w) James Dawn Stewart stars as a crack shot who wins a Stewart stars as a crack shot who wins a top-of-the-range rifle in a contest. Directed by Arthony Mann (7140460) 4.10 Strategic Air Command (1955) Fagwaving drama, starring James Stewa directed by Anthony Mann (49088918)

6.00 The Skipsons (681111) 6.20 Star Trek (r) (T) (263395) 7.15 Electric Circus Round-up of the latest



Feegin and Blanchard (7.30pm)

The Face An attempt on Mount Proboscis, located in Canada by Canadian mountaineer Barry Blanchard and American Nancy Feagin

8.00 The Fred Dibnah Story The Bolton steepletack's eventful career (1/6) (r) (T) 8.30 Gardeners' World Highlights from the

series (T) (1666) 9.00 Blackadder's Christmas Carol starting Rowan Atkinson (r) (T) (148918)

Game On New series of the sitcom about three flatmates with Matthew Cottle, Samantha Janus and Neil Stuke (T) (665821)

10.15 State Street (858482) 10.30 The Armistice Party Bucket. Highlights (T) (55078) 11.00 Gary Larson's Tales From the Fer Side (r) (3005) 11.30 Bodies, Rest and Motion (1993) Tim Roth, Bridget Fonda, Phoebe Cales, Fillin Peter Fonda and Eric Stoltz in a

relationship drama, directed by Michael Steinberg (21444) 1.00am Clive Berker's A-Z of Horror (1) (1051574) 1.45 The Cask of Amontillado

(8866406) 2.05 Weather (8904116)

6.00am GMTV (9357227)

9.25 The Fantastic Voyages of Slobad the Salior (5042579)

9.55 Regional News (8595376) 10.00 Freekszold! (79208)

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10.30 Certoon Time (4161289) 10.50 Sanos 1 line (4 15129)
10.50 Bingo (1991) A boy adopts a runaway
circus dog, but when the family moves
home the dog is left behind. Directed by
Matthew Robbins (1) (3038024)

12.20pm Regional News (7198482) 12.30 News (T) and weather (7076840) 12.55 Dinosaurs: Swamp Music (5217005) 1.30 Airport 80: The Concorde (1979)

Hight to Moscow with Olympic athletes on board is in peril. With Alain Delon, Robert Wagner and Susan Blakely (1) [41847) 3.30 News (1) and weather (6340043)

3.40 Regional News and weather (6290227) 3.45 Bronco Billy (1980) Comedy western starring and directed by Clint Eastwood. An heiress joins a wild west show. However, the owner is unaware that she is missing, presumed murdered. Also with Sondre Locke (1) (101227)

5.40 News (T) and weather (171918) 6.00 Murder, She Wrote The rivalry between sailing captains competing for a trophy leads to a death (523289)

6.50 Regional News (7) (252918) 7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (T) (5127) 7.30 Coronation Street Jon tries to make his

peace with Deirdre (1) (11) 8.00 The Bill A family fail to report the death of their landiord (T) (9685)

8.30 Blind Men Last episode of the sitcom about two rival salesmen (T) (8192)



Eddle Murphy stars (9.00pm)

9.00 The Distinguished Gentleman (1992) Cornedy starring Eddie Murphy as a fulfill inustier who decides to replace a similarly-named recently-decea

Congressmen. Directed by Jonathan Lynn (T) (7550) 11.00 News (T) and weather (467482)

11.15 Regional News and weather (748869) 11.25 Harmful Intent (1993) with Tim
Matheson and Emma Samms. A
physician, who is secretly addicted to
morphine, is accused of murder when a patient dies in his care. Directed by John

Patterson (1) (929173) 1.10em Entertainment Now (7204767) 2.05 Dead Cert (1975) starring Scott Antony,
Judi Dench and Michael Williams, Sinister
intrigue lurks beneath the apparently
gentieel facade of the world of English
horse racing. Directed by Tony
Richardson (921970)

3.50 ITV at the Reading Festival Highlights of last summer's festival (7476680)

4.45 Sound Bites (99233406) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (3159195) 5.55 News (4595796)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.54pm Air Watch (94277918) 12.55-1.30 The Fashion Police (5217005) 6.00 Trading Places (47) 6.30-7.00 Central News (27)

1.10am Box Office America Specia 2.10 Film: Deedly Encounter (1972). An aerial adventure starring Larry Hagman as a civilian helicopter pilot. With Susan Anspach. Directed by William A. Graham.

3.50 Central Jobfinder (1356222) 5.20 Asian Eye (6070375)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 9.55-10.00 Birthday People (8595376) 12.20pm-12.30 filuminations (7198482) 12.55-1.30 Emmerdale (5217005) 8.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (35289)

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12.55-1.30 Shortland Street (5217005) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (35289) 5.00am The Making of Men in Black

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12.19pm Angila Air Watch (7184289) 12.55-1.30 What's My Line? (5217005) 5.39-5.40 Anglia Air Watch (200260) 6.00 The Baldy Man (47) 6.28 Anglia Weather (115753) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (27)

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10,00 Brookside (677937) 10.35 Adam and Joe's Fourmative Years (838111) 11.25 Bili Balley Live (961173)

12.25am Film: Countess Dracula (785883) 2.10 Film: Shock Corridor (642951) 4.00 Film: Park Row (299652)

CHANNEL 4

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1.00 Nosferatu (1922, b/w) Classic silent horror: the story of a vampire who is visited by a young man obsessed with the occult. Starring Max Schreck and Gustav Von Wangenheim, directed by F.W. Mumau (44791024)

2.45 How to Marry a Millionaire (1953) starring Betty Grable, Marilyn Monroe and Lauren Bacall as young women on the by Jean Negulesco (1) (86091043)

4,30 Countdown Words-and-numbers quiz 5.00 Ricki Lake The pros and cons of weight difference (1043)

5.30 Quilts in Women's Lives Seven quiltmakers describe the inspirations behind their work (r) (T) (76) 6.00 The Best of TFI Friday Highlights from

the series (T) (26531) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather (8579) 7.30 The Typewriter, the Rifle and the Movie Camera A documentary tribute to the film-maker Sam Fuller, who died recently, accompanied later tonight by

two of his films (r) (1) (98799) 8.30 Brookside Lisa does her best to persuade Susannah to give up on the idea of surrogacy. Jackie has a heart to heart with Lindsey about Barry and Eleanor hopes Louise will tollow her advice and put a stop to her search for



Branach as Frankenstein (9.00pm)

9.00 Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1994) A faithful dramatisation of the horror classic starring and directed by Kenneth Branach. The star-studded cast includes Aidan Quinn, Ian Holm and Richard Briers

(T) (45035395) 11.20 Bill Balley Live Comedy from London's 12.25am Countess Dracula (1970) Ingrid Pitt plays a woman who bathes in the blood of virgins to try to regain her youth. Directed by Peter Sasdy (761203)

2.05 Shock Corridor (1963, b/w). Peter Breck stars as a reporter who feigns madness in order to be committed to an asylum to investigate the murder of an inmate. Sam Fuller directs (747845)

4.00-5.40 Park Row (1952, b/w) starring Gene Evans and Mary Welch as rival newspaper proprietors. Directed by Sam Fuller (72845)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will Viewers with a videocrypt decoder with be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 83 are picture: 10,92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am Dappledown Farm (r) (6687024) 6.30 The Wind in the Willows (r) (\$6622024) 6.50 Mr Men and Little Miss (r) (94959918) 7.00 Wimzie's House (r) (6522173) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (6541208) 8.00 Havekazoo (r) (7277802) 8.30 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (r)

(7276173) 9.00 Stickin: Around (r) (7290753) 9.30 Wishbone (r) (4128753) 10.00 The Enid Blyton Secret Series: The Secret Mountain (5356111)

11.50 Animal Xtremes: Yowie (43635802) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7287289) 12.30pm Family Attairs (r) (T) (9894727) **1.00** 5 News Update (76397956) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (9150531) 2.00 Animal Xtremes (r)

2.10 The Yearling (1994) with Peter Strauss. A family drama about a young boy who befriends a fawn. Directed by Rod Hardy (9777840)

4.05 Witness for the Prosecution (1982). A drama starring Ralph Richardson and Deborah Kerr. Against his doctor's wishes, an elderly barrister becomes involved in a murder case. Directed by

6.00 100 Per Cent (8203395) 6.30 Family Affairs (1) (8294647)



Tina Russell plays Claire (7.00pm)

nily Affairs — the Story So Fa Highlights from the weekdey soap, which celebrated its 200th episode tonight (T)

7.30 Exclusive (8283531) 8.00 Name That Tune (9053444)

8.30 5 News (1) (9072579) 9.00 The Other Mother (1995) staming Frances Fisher. A fact-based drama about a mother who 18 years ago gave up her son for adoption and now de to try to find him. Bethany Rooney directs

10.50 La Femme Nikita (5624444) 11.45 Full Exposure: The Sex Tapes Scandal (1989) starring Lisa Hartman and Vanessa Williams. A thriller about the

murder of a high-class hooker. Directed by Noel Nosseck (8147840) 1.35am On the Wings of Eagles (6707116) 3.20 Money, Women and Guns (1959) starring Jock Mahoney. A western drama directed by Richard H. Bartlett

(68005086) 4.45 Night Stand Spool chat show (4164222) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6651609)

• For further listings see Saturday's *Vision*

SKY 1 6.00am Morring Glory (858937) 9.00 Hotel (13227) 10.00 Another World (48840) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (35378) 12.00 Oprah Winfrey (84579) 1.00pm Gereldo (8327) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (92173) 3.00 Jenny Jones (89550) 4.00 Oprah Winfrey (69735) 5.00 Ster Treic Yoyager (7482) 6.00 Marned with Children (2043) 6.30 Memied with Children (3395) 7.00 The Simpsons (8111, 7.30 Real TV (9579) 8.00 Highland-er The Sense (27208) 9.00 Welfer, Texas Panger (2036) 11.00 Size Treic Voyager (56869) 12.00 Late Show, with David Latternan (33203) 1.00mm in the Heal of the Nicht (83203) 1.00mm in the Heal of the Night (88852) 2.00 Long Play (7905661)

SKY BOX OFFICE Sky's pay-per-view movie channels Each film costs \$2.99 per viewing

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4.00pm Flying Down to Rio (1933) (7074314) 6.00 Memories of Me (1988) (3948)299) 8.00 Big Town (19 (3948)294) 10.00 Monkey Shines (19 (2829173) 11.55 Frantic (1988) (8967280) 1.55am All That Jezz (1979) (14641241) 4.00 The Matchanalor (1858) (6516319)

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7.00am Nineteenth Floie (2989111) 7.36 Neighbours (5545111) 8.00 Crossroads (8913173) 8.26 EastEnders (3262395) 8.00 The Bill (5308005) 8.30 Howards Way (5749686) 10.00 Bless This House (7809227) 10.30 The Sullyans (5304289) 11.00 Boon (9923531) 12.00 Crossro 17.00 5007 (#6533) 1 12.5 Neighbours [52605208] 12.65 EastEnders (#418640) 1.30 Sylass (7685260) 2.10 Kesping Up Appearance (#418640) 2.50 Last of the Summer Wine (#492802) 3.50 The BB (#59885) 4.60 um (43848043) 5.05 E89 Julie Bravo (45546043) \$.05 EsstEnders 217550) \$.40 Full House (\$814250) 6.25 That's Shoutcusness (7742531) 7.00 Lest of the Summer Wine (1305462) 7.40 Are You Berry Senet? (335462) 7.40 Are You Berry Senet? (335462) 7.40 Are YOU (1003444) 9.35 Auf Wiederstran, Per (59167331) 10.45 Come Strip Presents (3986269) 11.30 Ales Smith & Jones (3966840) 12.05am Chelmstond 122 (5970703) 12.35 Jongleure (550649) 1.05 Foundary (1234357) 1.55 Milanti Vice-

SKY SPORTS 3

EUROSPORT

7.30em Dekar Rally (91956) 8.00 Eurocups Special (63695) 10.00 ext Oil Road (53444) 10.36 Dekar Relly (75444) 11.00 Sidurning: West Cup Four Hills Tournament (7011) 1.00pm Strongman (13192) 2.00 ice Hockey: World Jurior Champon-ships — Live (430260) 4.30 Best of Euro '96 (66616) 6.30 ice Hockey: World Jurior Championships — Live (23598) 8.30 Bostong (72598) 9.30 Dekar Relly (10863) 10.00 Ten-Pin Bowling USA v Europa (75869) 11.00 Funboarding (6866) 12.00 Dekar Relly (88222) 12.30 ten Close LIN (6701 D UK GOLD

6.00mm The Box (1252111) 7.00 Coronation St (7747735) 7.30 New Year on the Since (2597032) 8.00 Blind Date (1561519) 9.00 Within These Walls (3646227) 10.00

Brad Pitt in Seven (Sky Movies Screen 2, 10.00pm.)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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15601685) 9.30 Hale and Page (8525173)

10.00 Hawaii Pive-O (8880602) 11.00 Close

CARLTON SELECT (cable) 6.00pm Gridlack (84431902) 8.30 Hey Dad II (80257901) 6.00 Blockbusters (83407424) II (80257901) 6.00 Blockbusters (83407424) 6.30 A Country Practice (65407604) 7.00 The Bounder (84451605) 7.30 Duty Free (89007663) 8.00 Blue Heeters (70930589) 9.00 Leve Hurts (10973734) 10.00 The Good Set Guide (49865840) 10.30 Colins and Maconie's Movie Cuto (49641260) 11.00 St Essenters (62540111) 12.00 Fast Forward (89018512) 12.30em Teles of the Unexpected (22371203) 1.00 Justice (65495512) 2.00 Close

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Property market attracts record total from overseas

THE booming property sector has attracted a record level of overseas investment, according to figures to be published shortly, with foreign buyers paying a total of £4.2 billion for British commercial properties

This is almost twice the £2.2 billion they spent in 1996 and far

topped £3 billion. However, prop-erty experts say the UK market, although unlikely to perform as well again this year, is not heading for the sort of crash experienced in 1991 and 1992.

The figures come from a forthcoming study into inward investment in Britain from DTZ Debenham Thorpe. The property adviser says there is no reason for

this flow of funds to dry up. Peter the crisis in Asian markets on Evans, research director, says: investors' intentions.

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The property market look good for the next two to three years at least. We expect continuing high levels of inflow, if not at the level of 1997." His forecast for 1998 is for invest-

ment of between £2.5 billion and £3

billion, but he emphasises that this

is only a preliminary estimate. The

main imponderable is the effect of

ously the issue of the Far East, and frankly I don't know what the answer is. There is no evidence of investment stopping, but it's too

The fallout from the Far East could have two effects. It could actually boost further purchases, as "flight money" comes out of recent years. Alternatively Asian investors with severe liquidity problems at home could be forced

to reduce overseas holdings. The DTZ Debenham Thorpe figures, however, show a growing interest in European property from US buyers, which could go some way to making up any shortfall. Of

Most of the buying, about 70 per cent, took place in the capital, but looking further afield. "London remains the main focus but a number of investors once they begin to understand the UK are then looking at the regional markets," says Mr Evans.

If the investment total falls in 1998, this will be because other European property markets are seen as increasingly attractive as they emerge from recession, says Mr. Evans. "What we're likely to see is some fall in the inflows, particularly because other property markets in, for example, mainland Europe are coming out of their cycle of despair and beginning to

Weinberg gets troubled GAN Life for £316m

BY PAUL DURMAN

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GAN LIFE, the Frenchowned life insurer that has one of the worst records of clearing up the personal pensions mis-selling scan-dal, has been sold to the "vulture fund" operation headed by Sir Mark Weinberg, in a deal worth up to £316 million.

The deal threatens the jobs of most of GAN Life's 1,000 employees, about 900 of whom work at its headquarters in Harlow, Essex. GAN Life, which manages £2.8 billion on behalf of 355,000 savers, will close to new business. Its 800 self-employed salespeople will be offered a transfer to another, as yet unnamed, life insurer.

The sale of GAN Life to Sir Mark's Life Assurance Holding Corporation risks further delays in compensating the thousands of customers wrongly advised to take out personal pension plans in the late 1980s and early 1990s. The company's pension clear-up rate has persistently trailed the rest of the industry - less than a fifth of its 9,400 cases had been resolved by the end of November. It looks likely to miss the 90 per cent end-of year target agreed with the regulatory authorities for its יודנסוזק-ו

John Wybrew, LAHC's chief executive, said: "We will of

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course be looking to improve Portfolio, at £230 million. [compensation] performance."
LAHC's Windsor Life subsidiary has also come in for GAN, heavily loss-making in recent years, claims to have made a gain on the sale though that would seem to criticism for its poor record on ignore financing costs. GAN Life has received a number of personal pensions. However, Mr Wybrew said this was a problem of the struggling capital injections over the companies that LAHC has years, while its profits and acquired and Windsor Life sales have declined. was one of the few companies

LAHC was set up three years ago to pick off comto have achieved its end-ofyear clear-up target.
GAN Life's sale will ease
France's intended privatisapanies exposed by the expect-ed shake-out of the over-populated life insurance tion of GAN, the state-conmarket. By closing down marketing and combining small inefficient operations, LAHC trolled insurance group that owns 94.9 per cent of the company. GAN has steadily hopes to produce a much more increased its holding since profitable business. 1989, when it acquired a 51 per

Although GAN Life is by far the largest of LAHC's acquisitions, it already administers £2.5 billion of assets with a staff of 350 — barely a third as many as GAN Life employs. LAHC has assured GAN Life it will retain a presence in Harlow and it will take two years to complete the integration of the new acquisition.

However, Mr Wybrew said: "In the long term, we would not expect to need another 350 to manage this." LAHC will pay GAN an initial £253.5 million, with a further £46 million to follow depending on the persistency quired business. Under the takeover code, LAHC is required to make an offer, worth 285½ p a share, to the minority shareholders, principally past and present employees.

St James's Place Capital, which Sir Mark chairs, is one of LAHC's principal backers.



Dog end: the Coral name, so much in evidence at the Coral-owned Romford Stadium yesterday, may disappear after the chain's sale to Ladbroke

Bets off for Coral after sale to Ladbroke

By Dominic Walsh

and Hove plus Bass's interests

ness founded by Joe Coral in 1926, looks set to disappear from the high street after Ladbroke Group confirmed yesterday that it is to buy the chain from Bass for £375.5

million in cash. The leisure group, whose Ladbrokes Racing division is maker with 1,912 shops, also revealed it had struck a deal with the Tote, the governmentowned betting operator, to sell on 128 of Coral's 891 Coral shops for £41 million in order to circumvent competition

problems. Steve Devany, a spokesman

CORAL, the betting shop busi- for Ladbroke, said the Office of Fair Trading had indicated that the acquisition would be allowed provided sufficient shops were sold to ensure the enlarged Ladbrokes portfolio did not break the quarter-mile radius rule introduced when William Hill merged with Mecca in 1989. William Hill

Japanese securities house, for £700 million last month. In addition to Coral's 833 shops in the UK, Ladbroke is acquiring its telephone and on-course betting operations, 50 shops in the Republic of Ireland, eight in Jersey, two

greyhound tracks in Romford

in various betting joint ventures, including a satellite TV service and the 49's numbers game. The inclusion of the 50 shops in Ireland is subject to clearance by the Irish competition authorities. Mr Devany said the deal

gave Ladbroke 700 shops in start converting them to the Ladbroke brand as soon as regulatory issues had been dealt with. In the last financial year, Coral made £33 million pre-tax profits from £893 million turnover, and has a £171

million book value. The 128 shops that the Tote is buying made a profit of £5.5 million on sales of about £100 million. Peter Jones, chairman of the Tote, said the acquisition would be largely funded from bank borrowings.

The purchase will increase the Tote's off-course operation to 340 shops, and will take its total turnover to about £500 wanted to expand to 500 shops, but rejected suggestions that his expansionary ambitions made privatisation of the 70-year-old Tote more likely. "It's something for the Government to decide, but it doesn't seem to be on the

agenda as things stand at the

moment." Although it oper-ates under the auspices of the Home Office, the Tote gets no financial support from the Government

The proceeds from the sale of Coral will allow Bass, which has owned Coral since 1981, to bolster its £1.5 billion war chest. A spokesman said: acquisitions in our three core sectors of hotels, leisure retailing and branded drinks. We're lean and raring to go." Economic woes in the Far Fast have prompted Bass to step up its search for a hotel company to boost its Holiday Inn chain in the Asia-Pacific region.

Barclaycard spend rises 7% to £1.8bn

By CHRIS AYRES

BARCLAYCARD, whose advertising slogan is "Don't put it off, put it on", said that cust-omers spent £1.8 billion on its credit cards in December, with £1,600 a second going through the system at peak periods. The UK's largest credit card company added that spending

on its cards was about 7 per cent up on 1996. Withdrawals from Barclays Bank cash machines were up by 6.6 per cent. A Barclays spokesman said: "It's actually been a pretty good run-up to Christmas. and certainly not as flat as some people have been saying. It's by no means a boom, but

encouraging." More than £1.2 billion was withdrawn from Barclays cash machines in December. The busiest day was Friday, December 19, when £80 mil-

lion was withdrawn from about 3,200 dispensers. Last year's record was £71 million. This year also saw the most money dispensed from cash machines in a hour. A record noon on Saturday, December 20, when £9.2 million was withdrawn, against last year's top hourly figure of £8.8 mil-lion. The busiest dispenser was at Heathrow Terminal 1.

Barclaycall telephone bank-ing took 1,200 calls on Christmas Day, up from 190 the

BT venture wins £100m French deal

CEGETEL, a joint venture whose partners include British Telecom, has won a contract worth FFr1 billion (£100 million) to set up a national Internet-based healthcare computer network in France.

The contract, awarded by the French Social Security Ministry, is for five years. The project will create an open data transmission network capable of serving the country's entire healthcare system.

Cegetel is a joint venture of BT, the French utility Cie Générale des Eaux, Mannesmann of Germany, and SBC Communications of the US. It was formed 15 months ago to capitalise on this year's deregulation of France's telecoms

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Milken faces new charges after probation extension

IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S Securities & Exchange Commission has obtained a court order to extend by one month the probation period of Michael Milken, the former junk bond king. Mr Milken was due to end

his time on probation yesterday. However, the US Attorney's office is preparing legal moves against Mr Milken. who was given a ten-year sentence for insider trading in 1990 and paid a \$1 billion (£600 million) fine but spent only two years in prison after agreeing never to work in the securities industry again. New charges against Mr

Milken are expected after the



Milken: acted as adviser

30-day extention. If he is found guilty of violating the probation agreement that prevents him from returning to Wall Street, he could be sent has recently acted as an adviser to Time Warner and MCI Communications, which was taken over by WorldCom He has also worked with

Ron Perelman, the corporate raider. Mr Milken is allowed to advise on strategy but cannot play any role in stock transactions such as mergers and acquisitions. He may not work with "any

broker, dealer, investment adviser, investment company or municipal securities dealer". Mr Milken's lawyers say the advisory posts did not violate the probation agreement.

He is also being accused of obstruction of justice in con-



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